

a pat kelman film
a jonty reason production

speed dating can hurt

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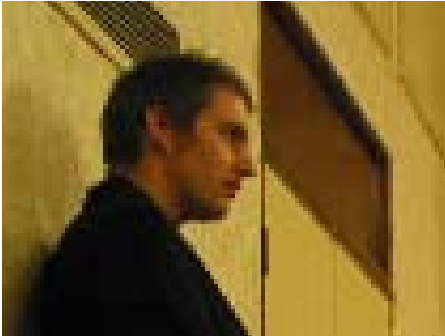
“amazing... very real and very hard hitting”
- western morning news

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Ten single people - lost, lonely and looking for something.

Casual sex? True love? A passport?

The only possible solution: Speed Dating...



Writer and Director
Producer
Director of Photography
Editors

Art Director
Original Music

Story Supervisor
Assistant Producer
Production Manager
Gaffer
Make Up and Wardrobe

1st AD
2nd AD/Camera Assistant
Production Assistant
Runner

Chief Sound Recordist
Sound Recordist

Stills
EPK

Pat Kelman
Jonty Reason
Dia
Pat Kelman
Matt Taylor
Evelyn Bakhuizen
Richard Eve
Ben Le Foe
Carol Weller
Rebecca Tolley
Alec Christie
Matt Taylor
Caroline Stokes

Carol Weller
Philine von Guretsky
Mary Hui
Sam Amer
Chloe Ferrier

John Perry
Prakash Ramkissoon
Daniel Woldu

Richard Mosley
Tobias Tobbell

Vicky
Julie
Ruth
Simon
Jacynth
John
Sue
Carol
Peter
Mateuz
"No Sweat"

Nikki Brown
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Deborah Jeffrey
David Kershaw
Alexandra London-Thompson
Jonathan Reason
Jenna Shaw
Hannah Smith
Patrick Thornton
Matthew Worthington
Ben Le Foe
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Running Time: 83 minutes
Delivery Format: Beta SP, DVD or VHS
Colour
Stereo

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Simon has organised his first Speed Dating night. He's rightly nervous.

His choice of venue: a crumbling community centre in the East End.

Ten people come together looking to connect. Each has their reason - romantic, business, cheap thrills, just for a laugh...

Do the lonely hearts find what they are looking for - or are they setting themselves up for a fall?

encounters is a funny, romantic and moving exploration of the search for love in the current London singles scene.

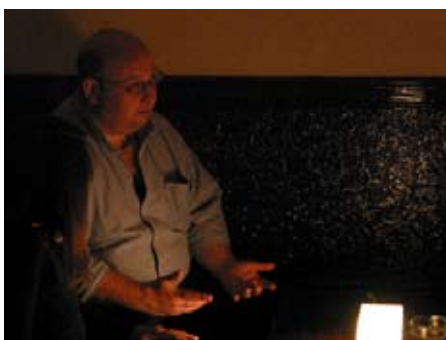
Winner of the Best Feature Film Award at the Cornwall Film Festival, UK, Best Feature Film at the ReelHeART International Film Festival 2005, Toronto, and the Best Feature Film Award at the Cheap Shot LA Film Festival 2005, Los Angeles.



Pat Kelman - Writer and Director

Pat Kelman studied Drama and Theatre Studies at the University of London, specialising in Directing. He has directed a number of theatre productions around the UK.

He has worked as an actor in the UK for Carlton, Thames and BBC1. He has performed overseas in film work for Pakistan, Sweden, Denmark, Holland and Germany. His feature films as an actor includes *The Odyssey*, *One Hell of A Christmas*, *Laaj* and Simon Hunter's *Lighthouse*.



He is a member of the Cornish Theatre Collective.

Pat has directed a number of shorts, is working on a television pilot and is in pre-production on his second full-length film, *This Woman's Work*, filming 2005 on location in Cornwall.

encounters is his first feature.



Jonathan Reason - John

Jonathan Reason's film credits as an actor include the recent Cannes hit *Triads, Yardies and Onion Bhajees*, and the newly completed *Camp X-Ray: Ghosts of Guantanamo*. His film career goes back to roles in *The Russia House* and *The Krays*. He is also well known to UK and international television audiences as Mickey in *Eldorado* for the BBC. He is the producer of *Encounters*.



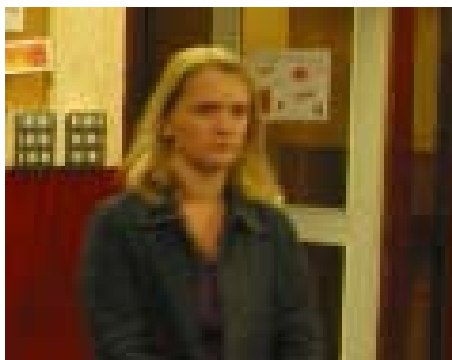
David Kershaw - Simon

David Kershaw David was born and educated in London's East End and trained at RADA. He was last seen in 2003's *Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life* and is best-known for his five-year stint as DC Ben Lomax in the BBC's much loved detective drama *Bergerac*.



Alexandra London-Thompson - Jacynthe

Alexandra London-Thompson first gained attention as a child star in the successful 1991 Canadian feature *El Verano del Potro (Summer of the Colt)*, and has worked regularly in the USA and the UK ever since.



Heather Coombs - Julie

Heather Coombs is a very familiar face on the television comedy scene in the UK, appearing in *My Hero, Heartburn Hotel, People Like Us* and *Rhona* for the BBC. She has also appeared on the small screen in *Feral Children, The Real Dr. Crippen, Family Affairs* and *Manchild*.



Nikki Brown - Vicky

Nikki Brown is fast-rising on the UK Indie movie scene, starring in the recently completed *London Voodoo*. *Encounters* is her second feature. Theatre work includes *Odysseus / Chorus* in *Hecuba* (WAC and UK Tour) *Mamma / Louella* in *Stamping Shouting and Singing Home* (MAC Birmingham & UK Tour).

Jenna Shaw - Sue

Since graduating from Arts Ed, Jenna has worked mainly in the theatre, namely *Little Women* (Bloomsbury Theatre), *World Cafe* (Hampstead), *Songbirds Ltd* (Courtyard Theatre), *You're Gonna Love Tomorrow* (Greenwich Playhouse) and *The Treason Show* (Komedia, Brighton). *Encounters* is her first feature film.



Hannah Smith

Hannah Smith is a well-known leading actress in commercial and classical theatre around the UK, and is making her screen debut in *Encounters*.



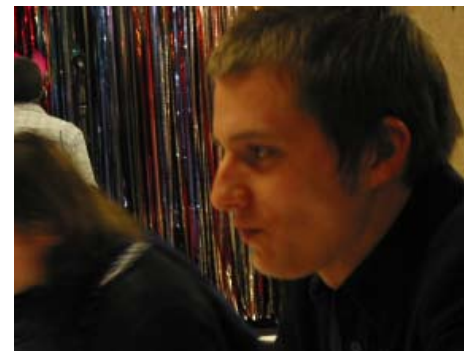
Matthew Worthington - Mateuz

Matthew Worthington has featured in a number of short films for up-and-coming UK directors since leaving Drama Centre. *Encounters* is his first leading role in a feature film.



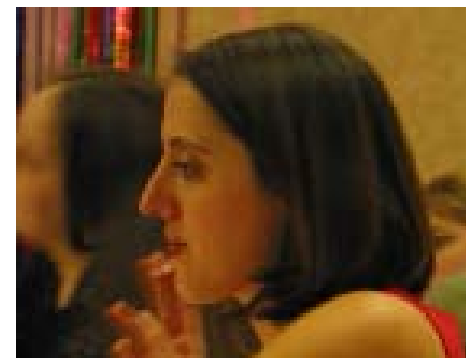
Patrick Thornton - Peter

Since completing *Encounters*, Patrick Thornton has been snapped up by the BBC to play a major role in *Undone*, and has also featured in *Fairytale: A True Story* directed by Charles Sturridge.



Deborah Jeffrey - Ruth

Deborah Jeffrey came to *Encounters* from her successful lead role in Frank Zappa's *Thing Fish*, and a run in Franco Zeffirelli's opera production of *Pagliacci*. Primetime British TV appearances include *The Office*, *EastEnders*, *The Bill*, *Murphy's Law* and *Red Cap*. She will next be seen in Mira Nair's film of *Vanity Fair*.



Jonty Reason - Producer

Encounters is Jonty Reason's second feature production, after the thriller *Red Mercury*. An established actor and screenwriter, he has moved into feature films after ten years of successfully directing theatre and short films.

He has produced two highly rated shorts in conjunction with *Encounters* director Pat Kelman, and continues to be in great demand as an actor.

He has just produced the feature *Camp X-Ray: Ghosts of Guantanamo*, and is in pre-production on his first feature as director, *For The Good of The People*.

He lives in the Docklands, the central location of *Encounters*.

Awards

Cornwall Film Festival UK, 2005 - Best Feature Film

ReelHeART International Film Festival Toronto, 2005 - Best Feature Film

Cheap Shot LA Film Festival Los Angeles, 2005 - Best Feature Film



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