



PUSHING PAST THE BAD

A PENNY ALLEN FILM

WITH
PIERRE
PHILIPPE
AND NELLY
LAWSON

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**IN TODAY'S
CHANGING
WORLD,
WHERE
NOTHING
CAN BE
COUNTED ON,
HOW DOES
A FAMILY
SURVIVE?**





SYNOPSIS

Stann is the head of a three-generation troubled French family that he struggles to support through petty crime. He puts on a strong front, but is floundering and he hates his life until a beautiful Black woman, Gloria, arrives on the scene. They secretly marry against the family's will – not only is she Black but she is also an American. **PUSHING PAST THE BAD** tells an unusual story of love that transcends romance. Gloria and Stann find themselves in a world falling apart. Stann is tortured by his crazy brutal father and the rest of the family. Meanwhile, the police pursue Stann for murder but it was the father who was the assassin. Stann refuses to denounce him, and he disappears, leaving the family to Gloria who had already left behind a troubled world in the United States. Gloria is now both provocateur and mediator. A strange and poignant fable.



Photo : Michel Desnos

DIRECTOR

Penny Allen

DIRECTOR'S FILMOGRAPHY

Property, feature, 1979

Paydirt, feature, 1981

The Soldier's Tale, documentary, 2009

Late for My Mother's Funeral, feature, 2013

The Didier Connection, short, 2016

PRODUCER
Mike S Ryan, Greystack Films

PHOTOGRAPHY
Eric Edwards

EDITING
Benjamin Fares

SOUND
Olivier Leroy

POST PRODUCTION
Finishing Services **Ngw Post**
Colorist **Ben Perez**
Re-Recording Mixer **Brian S. Arnold**
On-Line Editor **Hector Maldonado**
Finishing Producer **Nicolas Wiczynsk**

TECHNICAL
Fiction - Digital 4K
Color - 1hrs. 59min
16/9 DCP
Original Language
French/English
Translation: YA
Subtitles in English or French

PRINCIPAL ACTORS

Stann **Pierre Philippe**
Gloria **Nelly Lawson**

OTHER ACTORS

Bobby **Simon Rodier**
Baba **Michel Mathieu**
Ma **Agnès Aubé**
Teddy **Anthony Jeanne**
Crystal **Natacha Ghaddar**
Werner **Werner Büchler**
Angelique **Emily Moroney**
Louise **Louisa Lacroix**
Ludo **Ludovic Camdessus**
Femme de Werner **Mirabelle Maquet**
Charlotte **Victoria Cece**
Jake **Frederik Arens Grandin**
Sexy Lady **Lory Perez**
Gold Dealer **Pierre Vitoux**
Policiers **Thierry Capozzat,
Dimitri Matias,
Loïc Quenou**

Website : [Http://Pushingpastthebad.com](http://Pushingpastthebad.com)





« Pierre Philippe is shattering in his interpretation of a tortured man, torn between his ego, his need to be dutiful, and his desire for a normal life, for freedom. Stann displays the tenseness and the dilemmas we all have and this is why he is so human, so endearing. »

Dimitri Matias







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