

# Kowalsky

*a short film by*  
ÉMILE V. SCHLESSER



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written, directed, edited & composed by  
ÉMILE V. SCHLESSER

produced by  
FABIEN COLAS

Luxembourg | 2022 | 14 min | tragicomedy 🌀 suspense

  
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## **LOGLINE**

A dark satirical tale about the vicious masquerade between a mother and her son.

## **SYNOPSIS (EN)**

Once a wealthy family, the Kowalsky's fortune is gradually falling apart. When the only son comes begging his widowed mother for help, an ugly row escalates between the two – that forces both of them to bitter choices and cruel deeds.

## **SYNOPSIS (FR)**

La gloire de la famille bourgeoise Kowalsky s'effondre. Lorsque le fils unique vient retrouver sa mère pour la supplier de le soutenir, l'éclat entre égos les force à des choix acharnés et à des actes cruels.

## **SYNOPSIS (DE)**

Das Vermögen der einst wohlhabenden Familie Kowalsky zerfällt allmählich. Als der einzige Sohn seine verwitwete Mutter um Hilfe bittet, eskaliert ein hässlicher Streit zwischen den beiden - der sie zu bitteren Entscheidungen und grausamen Taten zwingt.

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[vimeo.com/598273945](https://vimeo.com/598273945) (password: mndn)

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writer - director - editor - composer

## ÉMILE V. SCHLESSER

### DIRECTOR BIOGRAPHY

Born and raised in Luxembourg, Émile studied art and film at the historic Kunstakademie Düsseldorf in Germany, graduating as master student in 2018. His diverse body of work stretches from narrative film to immersive installations, sculptures, video and painting. He is based in Düsseldorf and Luxembourg.

His latest short film “*Superhero*” (2020) gathered a lot of attention internationally after winning the prestigious 13th Street Shocking Short award in Germany, given by NBC Universal.

### DIRECTOR STATEMENT

Welcome to my family.

[emileschlessler.com](http://emileschlessler.com)

[IMDB](#)



producer

## FABIEN COLAS

### PRODUCER BIOGRAPHY

Fabien Colas is a Creative Producer and Executive Producer. Originally from Luxembourg, he worked in London for a few years and is now based in Los Angeles. He works in music videos, commercials and narrative film and is part of *Virgin Soil Pictures* as well as *Kite Rock Pictures*, two creative production companies.

[fabiencolas.com](http://fabiencolas.com)

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## TECHNICAL SPECS

**Date of completion:** 5 January 2022

**Genre:** tragicomedy, suspense

**Running Time:** 13min 50 sec

**Aspect Ratio:** 1.66 / 1.37

**Screening Format:** 2K DCP, .mov, mp4 (HD) Sound: 5.1 or Stereo

**Shot on** Sony FX6 with Canon K35 lenses / **Format:** 4K Prores Raw 24p

**Dialogue Language:** Luxembourgrish, German, English

**Subtitles:** English, German, French



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# CREDITS

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producer: **FABIEN COLAS**

supported by **Filmfund Luxembourg**

cast

**JOSIANE PEIFFER**

**RAOUL SCHLECHTER**

**TATIANA SANTOS**

**SHAYAN MEHRAFZA**

**NILTON MARTINS**

**DANIEL HALICI**

**DARLENE SANTOS**

**RAPHAEL GONCALVES DE SOUSA**

production manager: **KAROLINE MAES**

1st AD: **YANNIS MEYS**

2nd AD: **LINDA BLASCHETTE**

location manager: **FABIEN COLAS**

director of photography: **VITALIJUS KISELIUS**

AC: **TOMMY HARDT**

gaffer: **JO GUTENKAUF**

electrician: **VICTOR SCHMITT**

grip: **FABIO BOTTANI**

colorist & visual effects: **ÉMILE V. SCHLESSER**

camera, light & grip rental:

**ARRI LUXEMBOURG,**

**JEFF KIEFFER,**

**VITALIJUS KISELIUS**

production designer: **AUDREY DHYVERT**

art director: **PAULINE MANGIN**

costume designer: **CARMEN DI PINTO**

wardrobe: **OLGA OLINA**

hair & make up designer: **EMILIE FRANCO**

stand by props: **PACO PARMA**

painter: **OLIVIER WILLIAM**

construction: **MIKAIL IBILI**

sound enigneers: **ARNAUD & ALEX MELLET**

boom operator: **JACQUES FISCHBACH**

sound post production: **ROLL STUDIOS**

sound mixer: **MIKE BUTCHER**

casting: **NILTON MARTINS**

set photgrapher: **CHRISTINE ECKARDT**



## WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: [emilevschlesser.com/kowalsky](http://emilevschlesser.com/kowalsky)

Facebook: [facebook.com/kowalskyfilm](https://facebook.com/kowalskyfilm)

Instagram: [@kowalsky\\_film](https://@kowalsky_film)

Imdb: [imdb.com/title/tt15428390](http://imdb.com/title/tt15428390)

Filmfreeway: [filmfreeway.com/projects/2286471](http://filmfreeway.com/projects/2286471)

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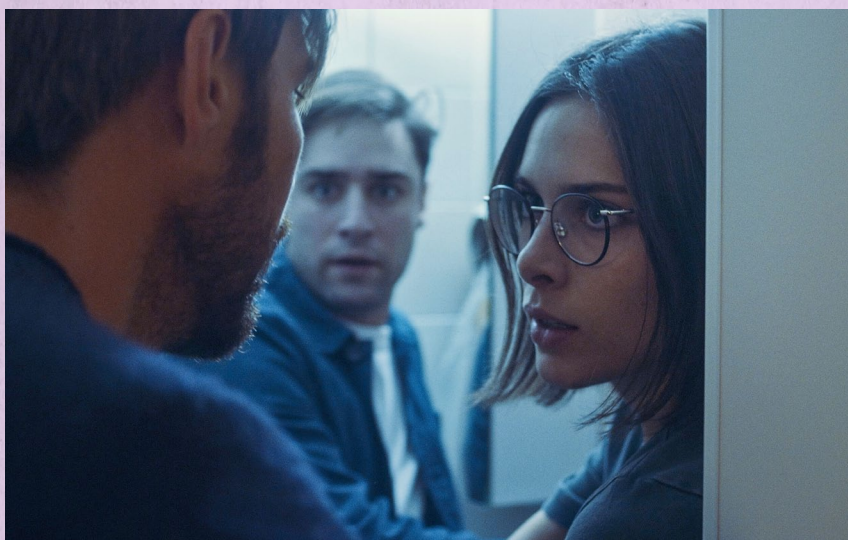
## PREVIOUS WORK



**SUPERHERO** (2020)

Web: [superhero-film.com](http://superhero-film.com)

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**VIS-A-VIS** (2021)

Web: [emilevschlesser.com/vis-a-vis](http://emilevschlesser.com/vis-a-vis)

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**ROXY** (2016)

Web: [emilevschlesser.com/roxy](http://emilevschlesser.com/roxy)

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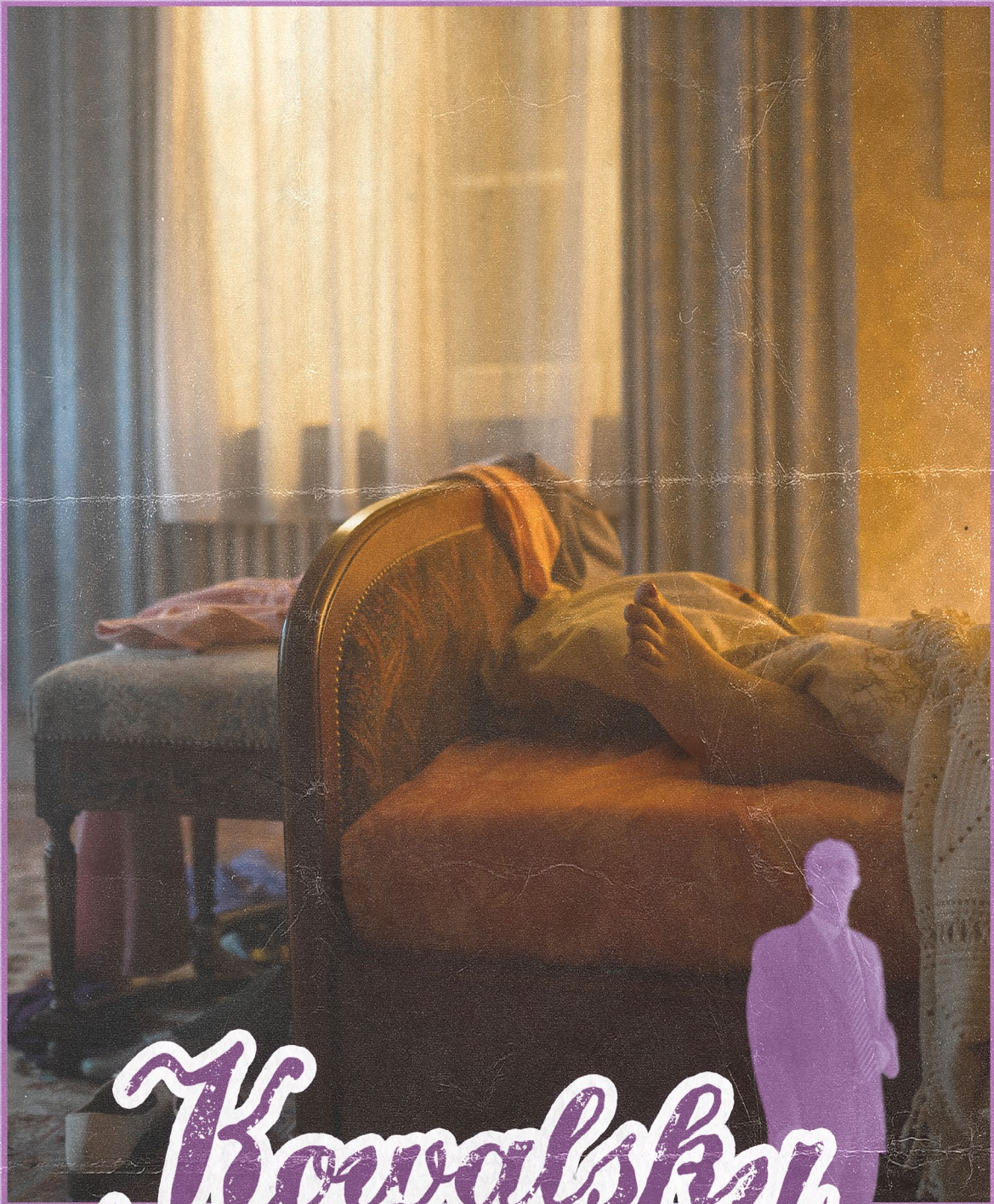
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