

Forte Femme

Unleash Your Authentic Power

- From The Bedroom To The Boardroom -

Logline: The Feminine Monster.

Women unlock their inner strength, shattering patriarchal norms as they rise to become formidable forces of change.

Synopsis

Introducing "Forte Femme," an immersive documentary that explores empowerment and personal transformation. Join us on a captivating journey as we recreate the experience of several women participating in this transformative retreat led by Midori. Designed for privacy, actual guests will not be filmed; instead, this documentary offers a stage recreation of their journey.

Crafted as a recreational experience, this distinctive weekend event provides practical tools for empowerment through joyful BDSM encounters. Guided by experts and featuring insights from renowned female celebrities, participants learn to articulate their desires and master techniques that enhance their sense of power and pleasure.

As the women embark on their individual paths, the film delves into the cultural and historical dimensions of the dominatrix profession. Challenging societal norms and dispelling myths surrounding female empowerment within the BDSM community, "Forte Femme" celebrates the diverse dynamics of relationships fostered by these practices. Through staged reenactments and expert commentary, this documentary illustrates the profound societal impact of embracing empowerment principles within this recreational context.

Note

The further I delve into the development of this project and contemplate its essence, the more I am inclined to assume the role of producer and seek out a female director. It appears to me that this narrative is best conveyed through the lens of a woman's perspective, and while I am eager to undertake the production responsibilities, the journey of the director in crafting this film holds immense significance as well.

- Todd "Max" Carey

Midori Elements

Personal Story: Delve into Midori's personal east to west evolution and the impact of embracing your inner "monster" on your teachings.

Capture Energy and Power: Film moments that illustrate the discovery and harnessing of personal energy and power, akin to your personal space perception exercise.

Student Follow-ups: Revisit past students to gather updated insights and additional commentary.

Intimacy and Empowerment: Examine how BDSM emphasizes rigorous consent and effective boundary navigation, empowering women in both personal and professional realms.

Celebrate Diverse Relationship Dynamics: Highlight how BDSM encourages women to explore both leadership and collaborative roles, promoting open communication and self-awareness.

Safe Exploration of Dualities: Focus on creating a supportive environment where women can express and embrace their individuality and creativity, illustrating its transformative impact on societal interactions.

Societal Impact: Show how embracing BDSM principles enriches human relationships and supports a future where everyone's choices are respected and celebrated.

Comparable Programming

"Paris Is Burning" (1990) - This landmark documentary by Jennie Livingston delves into the ball culture of New York City and the African-American, Latino, gay, and transgender communities involved in it. The film explores issues of race, class, gender, and sexuality in America, offering a profound look at personal identity, community, and resilience.

"The Punk Singer" (2013) - Directed by Sini Anderson, this film profiles Kathleen Hanna, the lead singer of the punk band Bikini Kill and dance-punk trio Le Tigre. It focuses on her rise in the music scene and her life as a feminist activist, shedding light on the personal and public challenges she faced, including her battle with a long undiagnosed illness. The film celebrates empowerment through music and activism, akin to the personal empowerment through BDSM explored in your documentary.

"Kink" (2013) - Produced by James Franco and directed by Christina Voros, "Kink" is a documentary that explores the inner workings of the BDSM website Kink.com. The film provides a behind-the-scenes look at how the site operates and the people involved, addressing the stigma associated with BDSM and emphasizing the themes of consent and empowerment, much like the proposed project.

Objectives

Illuminate and celebrate the journey of personal empowerment through the exploration and practice of BDSM. By following the experiences of several women participating in the transformative "Forte Femme" weekend and other related activities, the film aims to:

1. **Demystify BDSM Practices:** Break down the myths and misunderstandings surrounding BDSM, particularly the roles and identities within the dominatrix community.
2. **Challenge Societal Norms:** Confront and question patriarchal standards and societal norms that often marginalize or misinterpret BDSM and female empowerment in such contexts.
3. **Highlight Personal Growth:** Showcase the personal growth and empowerment of participants as they learn to express their desires, set boundaries, and explore their identities within a safe and consensual framework.
4. **Celebrate Diverse Dynamics:** Promote an understanding of the diverse relationship dynamics facilitated by BDSM, emphasizing leadership, collaboration, and communication.
5. **Advocate for Consent and Safety:** Emphasize the importance of rigorous consent and effective boundary management as tools for empowerment and safety in personal and professional realms.
6. **Create a Cultural Commentary:** Provide a thoughtful examination of how embracing BDSM principles can positively impact broader societal interactions and relationships.
7. **Empower and Inspire Viewers:** Ultimately, the film seeks to empower and inspire viewers by presenting compelling, real-life examples of women who find strength and joy in their BDSM experiences, encouraging a broader acceptance and respect for diverse expressions of empowerment.

Proposed Film Elements

Journey Tracking: Document the progression of 2-3 students from the onset of their training, capturing their personal milestones and developments over several months. * recreations if necessary.

Celebrity Involvement: *If feasible, include prominent female celebrities in the course to enhance the narrative with their perspectives and boost the film's marketing potential.

Highlight "Forte Femme," Showcase this transformative weekend event that provides women with practical tools for empowerment through joyful BDSM experiences, designed for those with busy schedules.

Skills Development: Capture participants as they learn to articulate their desires and refine techniques for play and pleasure under expert guidance.

Cultural Examination: Explore the empowerment journey by addressing dominatrix myths, confronting patriarchal norms, examining the history of the dominatrix profession, and advocating for a healthy exploration of kink.

Act 1: Introduction

Introduction to BDSM and Forte Femme: Start with a broad introduction to the concept of BDSM and the specific focus of the documentary—Forte Femme. Explain the weekend's goals and what participants typically seek to gain.

Introduce Main Characters: Present the main participants who will be followed throughout the documentary. Include their backgrounds, motivations for participating, and what they hope to achieve.

Initial Gathering and Training: Show the beginning of the Forte Femme weekend or training session. Introduce the mentors, possibly including celebrity figures, and show initial workshops or discussions that set the tone for empowerment and exploration.

Act 2: Confrontation

Deepening Exploration and Challenges: As participants dive deeper into their training, focus on the personal and emotional challenges they face. Document their struggles with self-expression, overcoming past inhibitions, and confronting societal norms.

Cultural and Historical Context: Weave in explorations of the history of BDSM and the dominatrix, addressing myths and societal impacts. This can include commentary from experts or historical footage that adds depth to the personal stories being told.

Participant Development: Highlight key breakthroughs and developmental milestones for the participants. This could involve scenes of intense emotional revelation, skill mastery, and growing confidence in their new roles and identities.

Act 3: Resolution

Transformation and Empowerment: Showcase the culminating experiences of the participants where they fully embrace their newly discovered strengths and roles. This could be a final event at the Forte Femme weekend or a follow-up where they apply their skills and confidence in their personal lives.

Reflections and Insights: Allow the participants to reflect on their journeys. Include follow-ups that show how their experiences at the event have transformed their daily lives and relationships.

Broader Impact and Concluding Thoughts: End with a discussion on the broader societal impacts of BDSM as a tool for empowerment. Highlight how the principles learned and practiced have broader applications for fostering respect, communication, and self-awareness in various aspects of life.

The Look, Tone and Mood (1/2)

For a documentary exploring themes of empowerment through BDSM, adopting a visual tone that resonates with both the subject matter and the intended emotional impact on the audience is crucial. Here are some elements to consider for establishing a strong overall visual tone:

Intimate and Respectful

Close-Ups and Personal Shots: Use close-up shots to capture the emotions and expressions of the participants, emphasizing their personal journeys and the intimate nature of their experiences. This helps the audience connect on a deeper level with each individual.

Soft Lighting

Employ soft, warm lighting during more intimate or vulnerable moments to create a safe, welcoming atmosphere that respects the subject matter and the participants' openness.

Empowering and Bold Contrast and Saturation

Use higher contrast and saturation during scenes of empowerment and breakthrough to visually represent the strength and intensity of those moments. This can help to convey the transformation and empowerment that participants experience.

Dynamic Camera Movements

Incorporate dynamic camera movements such as steady-cams during active scenes or workshops to reflect the energy and excitement of the empowerment process.

The Look, Tone and Mood (2/2)

Informative and Clear

Clean Framing and Composition: Use clear, well-composed shots when presenting informational content, such as interviews with experts or historical contexts. This helps maintain the audience's focus on the information being presented.

Graphical Elements: Integrate subtle graphical elements or text overlays to highlight important points or quotes, enhancing the educational aspect of the documentary without overwhelming the visual narrative.

Atmospheric and Thematic

Thematic Color Palette: Develop a color palette that reflects the themes of BDSM and empowerment. Darker tones mixed with vibrant reds or purples can evoke a sense of the mysterious and the profound, aligning with the exploration of BDSM culture.

Contextual Backgrounds: Choose backgrounds and locations that add to the narrative—whether it's the atmospheric dungeons for the BDSM sessions or more neutral spaces for reflective interviews, each setting should contribute to the storytelling.

Sensitive and Considerate

Discreet Filming Techniques: For more private or sensitive scenes, consider using techniques such as silhouette shots or partially obscured frames to maintain participant privacy while still conveying the emotional and physical essence of the scenes.

By combining these visual elements, the documentary can achieve a tone that is both engaging and respectful, effectively communicating its themes and respecting the depth and sensitivity of the subject matter. This visual approach will help to draw the audience into the world of BDSM in a way that is both enlightening and emotionally compelling.

The Team



Todd "Max" Carey

Producer / Director



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DOP



Shoshana Samole (Zisk)

Music Director / Legal



Stefan Chamberland

Sound Design



Todd "Max" Carey

A filmmaker with a background in social justice documentaries, the vision is to blend investigative journalism with compelling storytelling to engage and educate audiences. The director intends to highlight personal stories of censorship and suppression, framed within the broader analysis of societal shifts in moral authority, to create an emotionally resonant and intellectually stimulating series.

- Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- Occupation: Documentary Filmmaker
- Industry Focus: Digital Rights, Social Justice, Queer+ Advocacy
- Notable Projects: "tOuch Kink"
- Identity: Queer+
- Cultural Exposure: Lived and worked in 137 countries over the last 30 years, providing a broad and diverse cultural perspective.
- Personality Traits: Bold, unapologetic, innovative, deeply inquisitive.
- Interests: Advocating for social change, exploring unconventional ideas, challenging societal norms.
- Inspirational Quote: Inspired by Socrates' quote, "I know that I am intelligent because I know that I know nothing," embracing a philosophy of continual learning and questioning.
- Approach to Filmmaking: Uses film as a tool to challenge the status quo and inspire dialogue on underrepresented issues. Prefers to delve into complex, often controversial topics to provoke thought and instigate change.
- Vision for Current Project: With "Shadow Ban," Max aims to uncover and challenge the insidious practice of digital censorship by major corporations, highlighting its impact on public discourse and personal freedoms, particularly within the Queer+ community and other marginalized groups.
- Current Project: "Shadow Ban," an investigative documentary exploring the role of major corporations and payment processors in contemporary censorship and ethics arbitration.
- Objective: To shine a light on the gray areas of digital expression and push for transparency and fairness in how digital platforms manage content and users.
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