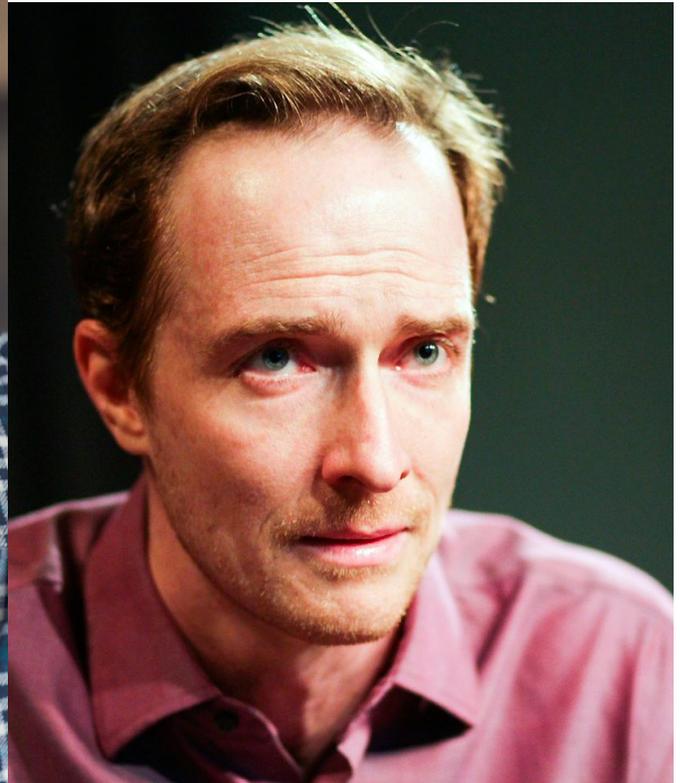


# Matthew Jaeger Press Packet

MATTHEW JAEGER is making a name for himself through his portrayals of complicated, intense characters and his fun loving manner on the red carpet.



In interviews, his everyman looks and ease belie the intensity he brings on stage and screen. When not acting, he is producing his own material and finding time to help spread the message of equality no matter your sexual orientation, physical abilities, or gender identity.

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Since he broke onto the Hollywood scene eight years ago, Matthew has Guest Starred on shows like “CSI,” “Grey’s Anatomy,” “Criminal Minds,” and has recurred on the hit ABC Family drama “Switched

at Birth.” He is currently recurring on the new Sundance Now Dramedy “This Close.” In addition to his television, film, and commercial work (if you’re a sports fan, you may have see him in the highly successful Lowe’s “[Glow in the Dark Cat Hat](#)” or opposite Blake Griffin in Kia’s “The Zone” campaign) Matthew has garnered attention and raves for this theater work, including lead roles in *Children of a Lesser God* at Deaf West Theatre and *Short Eyes* at the LA Theater Center. He has taken his chops to Broadway, where is currently part of the *Children of a Lesser God* cast at RoundAbout’s Studio 54 theatre.



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After performing as James Leeds in Deaf West's 30th Anniversary production of *Children of a Lesser God*, Matthew also became interested in working with the Deaf community. Having become fluent in American Sign Language during the production, he began working as an advocate for the deaf, performing at fundraisers and connecting casting directors with deaf actors in Hollywood.

Matthew has always been interested in equal rights, and after shooting the lead role of Guy in "Just Say Love," more doors opened to him for charity work. The film quickly gained a small but rabid fan base in the gay community, and Matthew was able to expand his efforts internationally, using his Spanish skills to work with a group called [Proyecto Igualdad](#), that works towards equality for the LGBT community in South America and [Combatamos la homophobia en el Peru](#), an anti homophobia group in Peru. He is also a founding member of [UnionWorking](#), a grassroots, pro-union organization based in Los Angeles.



Lastly, Matthew does what he can to help the next generation of creatives in LA. He has volunteered his time and skills to after school programs to help educate and encourage young performers, writers, and directors. He is also one of four founding members of an alumni group for his alma mater, Marquette University, dedicated to helping alumni connect and mentor new arrivals in Hollywood.



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Quite a change from the boy who grew up in a Wisconsin town of 6,000 people. But Matthew's Midwest roots have stuck with him. He currently lives in Pasadena with his wife, where they keep chickens, over 500 square feet of vegetable gardens and fruit trees, and regularly venture into the mountains above Pasadena for hiking, foraging, and rock climbing (well, the rock climbing may send them a bit further afield). This activity led the two of them to begin a web series starring Matthew as

his alter ego, UrbanNatureMan. The series has appeared in survival and outdoor blogs as well on the morning show "Home and Family" on the Hallmark Channel.



Online podcasts and Magazines such as UCW Radio Show, GeekAdelphia, OUT Magazine, and Horror Society have had Matthew on as a guest, and some, like UCW, have come back for repeat interviews.

Matthew's growing fame continues to spread on the internet. He's even made the list of [Gorgeous Ginger Actors](#) on IMDB, right above Damien Lewis. Fan blogs are calling for him to play Rex Hunter should the DC character ever be brought to life onscreen as well as Robbie Morgan in *The Hollows*, should the popular written series ever be made into a television show.



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## ***Chinglish***

**LA Times:** “[Jaeger] is well nigh perfect.”

## ***Short Eyes***

**Backstage:** “Finest among the sterling portrayals is Jaeger's shattering depiction of a man trying to survive in a pressure cooker. Beaten, humiliated, and terrorized by the other inmates, Clark receives no support ...”

**LA Times:** “And Jaeger, in an almost impossible role, conveys credible anguish at the memory of his illicit encounters.”

**LAist:** “Matthew Jaeger perfectly portrays remorseless sex-offender Clark with a degraded, hunted aura of fear and confusion. Mark Rolston is enthralling, frightening, and full of fire as Longshoe. Jaeger and Rolston are brilliant and captivating together at the peak of the play's action.”

## ***Just Say Love***

**LA Times:** “Jaeger and Mammana couldn't be better as they reveal that these two men, who move way beyond their stereotypical first impressions, affect each other in ways neither could have anticipated.”

**Village Voice/LA Weekly:** “Just Say Love... is in some ways the most satisfying film on the lineup. That's due to the performances of its sole actors, Matthew Jaeger and Robert Mammana, as a brainy gay man and the macho, hetero[sexual] construction worker he falls for... The film's real strength, though, is the palpable chemistry between Jaeger and Mammana, which smoothly and convincingly oscillates from lust to frustration to a love that throws both men off their game.”

## ***Children of a Lesser God***

**Backstage:** “Jaeger not only creates a finely wrought character, he also narrates the play, speaks Sarah's lines aloud, and simultaneously performs the whole in ASL.”

**LA Times:** “Jaeger convinces as a lost man who makes the mistake of finding himself through changing others.”