

## **New Film Explores Explosive Consequences of Betrayal and Denial; Secures Global Distribution Deal**

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Brian Edwards has his career, home-life and reputation torn asunder when he succumbs to the advances of Christian Egan, a teenager. The outcome of their affair nearly costs them both, their lives. Written, directed and produced by Eric L. Ayala of ELA Productions, "...if I should die before I wake"—Ayala's first feature length film—begins streaming on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, available on Amazon Prime (US, UK, Germany, Africa), In-Demand, Vemeo and others. The film has won over 28 awards on the independent film festival circuit and secured global distribution, garnering high praise for Ayala.

The film explores the tragic consequences of people living their lives according to others' preferences and prejudices rather than being authentically true to themselves. "...if I should die before I wake" is an adaptation of the first installment of a book trilogy and is one of Ayala's 12 books available on Amazon Prime.

Ayala is also the screenwriter for "Sunday Morning Rapture," currently streaming on Amazon Prime. Additionally, Ayala's prolific portfolio includes screen and stage plays, as well as television series episodes.

ELA Productions is managed by CWP Entertainment Management. For more information, contact CWP [www.cwpentmgmt.com](http://www.cwpentmgmt.com) or call 512-240-2873. To learn more about Ayala, visit [www.elaproductions.com](http://www.elaproductions.com) .

### **ABOUT ERIC L. AYALA**

Eric Ayala was Born in Chicago, Illinois, and raised and educated in Indianapolis, Indiana. The CEO of ELA Productions is an award-winning writer, director, author, actor, singer and producer. Ayala has been published in three genres. Within each genre, he uses a variation of his full name as a pseudonym. He penned "Arlington Heights" and "Darkness in the Mirror" as Erica Lewis; and "Outcast," "Avenging Alex" and "Retribution" as Lewis Ericson.