



A hip hop fairy tale about the profound effect rap music and a dedicated poetry teacher has on a student with a severe

stutter.

Hip Hop music is storytelling. It's a language and culture that has always held 16-year-old Asher Wilson captive for many years. This music is Asher's heartbeat. He goes hard for the art, writes rap music, and can command every single debate about any rapper's flow patterns and schemes. Though he would prefer that rap play a more significant role in his life, his helicopter parents are preoccupied with their ambitions for Asher's future. But Asher has a speech impediment - a crushing stutter that makes it impossible for him to pursue a rap career.

With a handful of students who mock his stutter, Asher is about to turn his back on his dreams until he develops a surprising friendship with Tommy Bennett, a brash and unruly poetry teacher who brings something out of Asher that he didn't know was there. Tommy becomes instrumental in helping Asher stand up to the mosaic of challenges. With care and craft, Tommy encourages Asher to rap and create a technique that will overpower his stutter. "Spitting Fire" is the rhythmic redemption of a kid with a profound stutter who fueled his own rap path with a ruthless beat and an extraordinary teacher.



WATCH THE CONCEPT TRAILER

<u>COMPANABE</u>

"AN UNAMBIGUOUS JOY"



"A FILM THAT MAKES YOUR SPIRIT SOAR. A RARE COMBINATION OF CROWD-PLEASER AND TRIUMPHANT ARTISTRY." –WALL STREET JOURNAL

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TOMMY BENNETT

An ocean of cynicism Effortlessly cool Battle-ready

ASHER WILSON

Earnestly passionate Overlooked & marginalized

Forward-thinking artist



OANN WILSON Sense of privilege Unwavering faith in her Family Expertly snarky

MILES COOPER

A stickler for rules Willful cluelessness Easily flustered

EZRA WILSON

Self-aware wit & sass Irrepressibly peppy Educated & fashionable

SPITTING FIRE

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OWEN WILSON Lively & humorous Awkwardly endearing Commanding loyalty





AKEELAH and the BEE

PROBUGTION SUMMARY **teles** 30 Day Shoot 3 Main Characters 8 Supporting Characters 12 Locations

7-10 MILLION | "TALENT CONTINGENT"





ANGIE COMER | WRITER, DIRECTOR



Qualifying festivals, picked up for distribution and streamed on networks. A Sundance Lab Finalist, she is a hip and clever director with the talent to launch any audience towards uncharted territory in storytelling. As an editor with two feature films under her directing belt, Michelle is a producer with more than 15 years progressive experience. A former showrunner and writer with LA CityView Channel 35, Michelle is a member of the PGA and Editors Guild and is diligently engaging in the development of directing her third feature film.

MICHELLE CLAY, PGA | PRODUCER, EDITOR



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Thank You