

BETT-A-BOULANGER - TODAY'S SPECIAL:

★ HE WOKE UP TO DEFLATING NEWS ★

*A light satirical short about a pensioner being turned into a small coffee shop by his local council.
Served with generous helpings of absurdity and melancholy.*

INGREDIENTS: Michael is a sedate pensioner living out a modest, day-to-day existence only to wake one day to find his local council is turning him into a coffee shop. Michael must bring back the spark within to fight against the crushing wall of corporate bureaucracy, going all the way to the top to save himself from a sandwichy fate.

Special Ingredient: Michael will be played by deadpan stand-up legend Michael Redmond (*Father Ted, Brass Eye, Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle*).



WE USE SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING: *He Woke Up to Deflating News* is about people being seen as disposable once they reach their “use by” date. As a satire, we will sit well in straight comedy programmes or programmes focusisng on social issues. From our experience and success on the festival circuit we are planning to make our short around 5 minutes in length, to keep it as sharp and cutting as possible. This will also hopefully maximise chances of it fitting into festival programmes.

We will look to promote the film on the back of the striking imagery of Michael once he is transformed into the coffee outlet, which should be a nice blend of silly and disturbing. We will look to make good on the positive relationships with have with festival programmers from around the UK and beyond.

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ABOUT OUR CHEFS



WE ARE A FAMILY BUSINESS: Perennial weird kids Laura Spini and Laurence Brook founded **Butthead Films** in 2017 to cook up their projects as a hyphen indulgent Anglo-Italian Spouse-Spouse Writer-Director duo.

Our previous tasty specials have been awarded a **Vimeo Staff Pick**, shown at Edinburgh, Palm Springs, Vancouver, Leeds, London Short Film Festival, Underwire, Aesthetica (amongst many others), and include:

A Disappearance – starring Sophie Thompson – a sly, darkly comic drama about a former celebrity psychic trying to use a missing child case to claw back her fame.

You Are Whole – starring Fred Melamed – an absurd dark comedy about a spiritualist missionary who gets mistaken for a serial killer in a sleepy seaside town.

With a knack for cooking with seasoned big name actors and ably assisted in the kitchen by talented collaborators, the team are currently in the process of whipping up a TV series based on A Disappearance, a documentary feature about late night shopping presenters and a fiction feature about a grandma with dementia slowly turning into a populist game-show host.

WATCH:



YOU ARE WHOLE



A DISAPPEARANCE