

KAZY TAUGINAS

ACTOR,
FILMMAKER,
LUPUS ADVOCATE



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Kazy Tauginas is a former restaurateur and Golden Gloves boxer turned actor.

Growing up just outside of Chicago, Kazy had an affinity for sports his entire life, settling on figure skating before he discovered a natural talent for boxing after college. His grace on the ice helped him in the ring, where he fought in 13 amateur bouts.

At the age 23 Kazy was the young owner of a 24 & 7 dinner. When that came to an end, he turned to acting and writing, a passion that led Kazy to the New York Film Academy, graduating in 2009 from their One Year Conservatory Acting for Film program. Since graduating he has worked on numerous film and television productions. Recently, he was seen in a key supporting role opposite Denzel Washington in "The Equalizer 2".

THE ACTOR



His television credits include:

Law & Order: Special Victims Unit

Turn: Washington's Spies

Person of Interest

The Good Cop

The Blacklist

Blue Bloods

Sneaky Pete

Blindspot

Kazy' film work includes:

The Equalizer 2

Sollers Point

John Wick

Festival darlings:

Life is Too Short

Eleanor

Upcoming releases include:

Dolemite is My Name

Odd Man Rush



THE FILMMAKER



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Realizing he had a knack for storytelling, Kazy began creating content early in his career. Until present, he wrote, produced and starred in over 20 short and long films, but one of them has a very special place in his heart: **"Standing Eight"**

About "Standing Eight"

The award winning short film "Standing Eight" is about a boxer who is forced to retire after being diagnosed with systemic lupus. The film has played in numerous festivals around the world, and taken home lots of awards and nominations.

"Standing Eight" is a labor of love and the first film to use Lupus as a plot device, giving a voice to the lupus community in the entertainment industry. The film premiered in May this year at ArcLight Hollywood, and was recently released on Amazon Prime Video, with proceeds going to Lupus Foundation of America.

To learn more about the film check out the website:
<https://www.standingeightthefilm.com>



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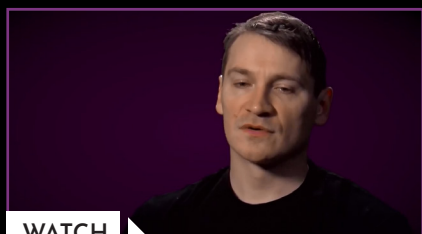
THE ADVOCATE

Kazy's mission is to **#KNOCKOUTLUPUS**



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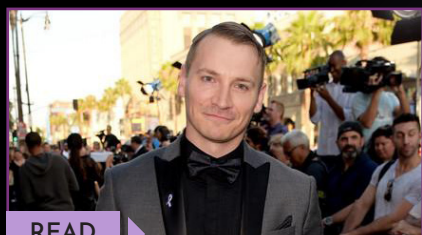
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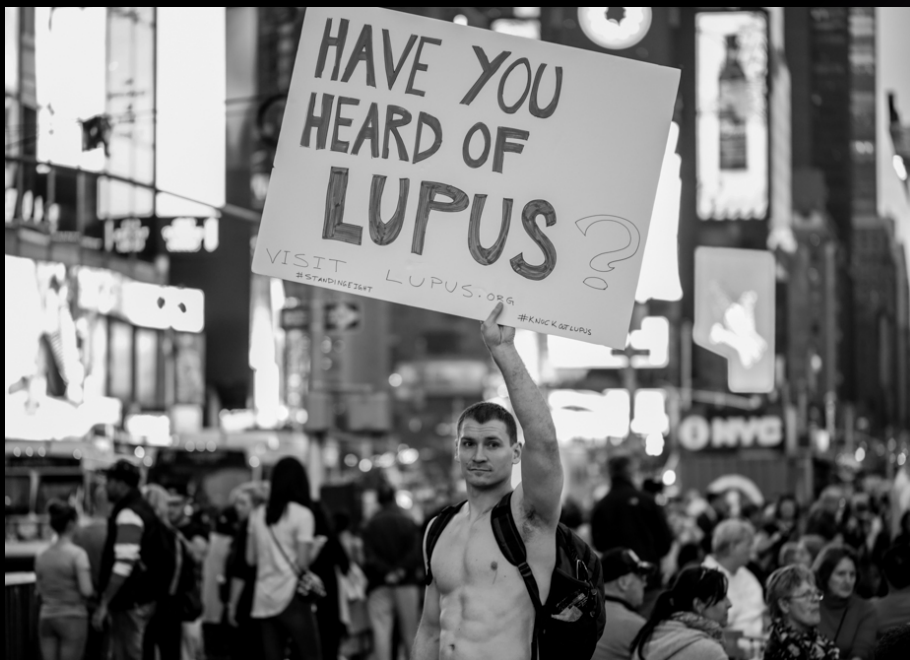
Kazy Tauginas
Actor, EQUALIZER 2

Kazy Tauginas in support of Lupus Trust



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Interview With Equalizer 2 Star,
Kazy Tauginas



"Standing Eight" began as a love letter to his mom. Her fight with lupus for more than 40 years has motivated Kazy to become this passionate lupus advocate. She is the reason why Kazy has created "Standing Eight". The film is a tool to spread awareness and to raise money to find a cure.



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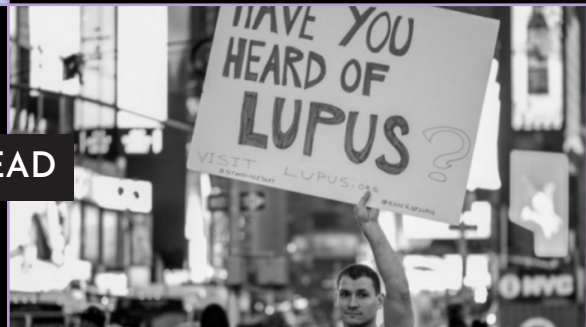
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Star of Equalizer 2, Kazy Tauginas, Talks About His Passion for Lupus Awareness