

## PRESS RELEASE

FROM AN INDEPENDENT FILM AMONG FRIENDS (RELEASED ON CREATOR PLATFORMS) TO THE GRABBY AWARDS EUROPE 2025

### **Gay Pornstar Mika Ayden's First Independent Film Wins at the 2025 Grabby Awards Europe**

After winning the 2024 "**Best Versatile Performer**" Award at the Grabby Awards Europe and working with top gay adult film studios, French gay pornstar **Mika Ayden** has launched his first independent production: **French Friends: La vie est belle**, which has shone brightly on the international scene.

The film received five nominations at the 2025 Grabby Awards Europe and won the award for **Best Group Scene** for the scene **Secret Fantasy**, starring **Jolian, Mika Ayden, Jordan Fox, Hugo Algt, Anteo Chara, and Tom Barber**.

#### **A Collaborative and Authentic Project**

Initiated by **Mika Ayden**, French Friends was born from a desire among French content creators to meet regularly, collaborate, and become real friends. After a year of regular gatherings, **they decided to launch a more creative project: making an independent film.**

"We wanted to create something original, blending our personal lives with fiction. We aimed to deliver a film based on our authentic friendship and the fantasies of our audience. We knew we wanted **a story of friendship, a vacation among friends, love, and sex**"  
— **Mika Ayden**

The storyline was developed collaboratively via long WhatsApp exchanges, as the participants live across France and abroad. Each creator—now actor—chose their own role and scene partners, with the goal of conveying the group's chemistry.

#### **Innovative, Award-Winning Direction**

For the direction, **Mika Ayden** brought in **Macho Jim**, a highly regarded director who has received numerous accolades, including **Best Director 2025** at the same ceremony.

The film was shot handheld with smartphones, designed to look like a real vacation movie. Dialogues were largely improvised to allow natural chemistry and spontaneity to shine. The spontaneous lines, raw moments, and authenticity are undoubtedly what captivated audiences.

#### **Committed Partners**

For this project, **Mika Ayden** partnered with **ADDICTED** and **ES COLLECTION**, who enthusiastically joined as the film's fashion sponsors.

#### **Testimonials**

**Mika Ayden:** "Filming this with friends was an incredible experience. We are all very proud of the final result. I'd like to thank the actors, Macho Jim, and Addicted, who poured all their energy into this amazing project."

**Jordan Fox:** "We're all proud of this beautiful project! I've worked on many films throughout my career, and this one is definitely one of my favorites and most accomplished!"

**Hugo Algt:** "French Friends was an incredible adventure. We created something new and exciting with wonderful chemistry."

**Jolian:** "I really loved filming this. The movie truly reflects the reality of a group of friends spending a weekend together in a beautiful villa!"

**Anteo Chara:** "Under the Southern sun and shared laughter, the energy was vibrant. Everything felt possible!"

**Macho Jim:** "It was an absolute pleasure to film this fantastic production. I'm so grateful to Mika Ayden for offering me this project and proud to have won the 2025 Grabby Europe 'Best Group Scene.' With a phenomenal French cast, this film is a sensory ode to desire, youth, and unforgettable moments."

### **Film Information**

Title: French Friends: La vie est belle

Main Cast: Jolian, Mika Ayden, Jordan Fox, Hugo Algt, Tom Barber, Anteo Chara, VVS, Esteban Hots, Frenchcuteboy

Produced by: Mika Ayden

Directed by: Macho Jim

Fashion Partners: Addicted, ES Collection

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