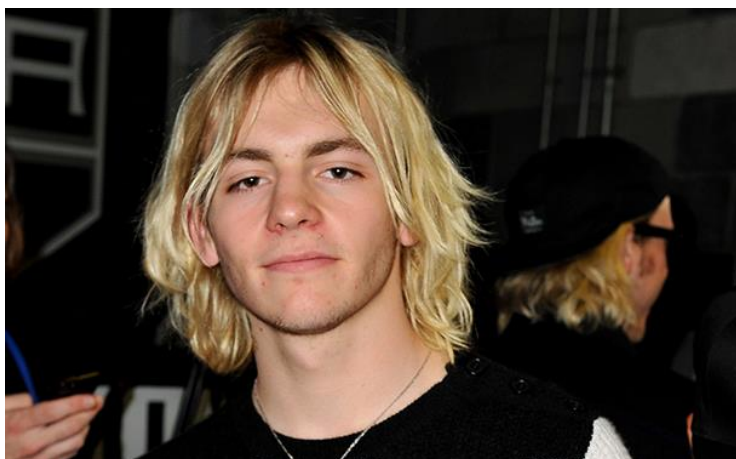


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Teen Beach Movie's Ross Lynch leading up high school comedy *Status Update*

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Ross Lynch is well on his way to becoming the next Zac Efron.

The *Teen Beach Movie* star has been cast to lead up Offspring Entertainment and Brightlight Pictures' upcoming comedy, *Status Update*.

Scott Speer (*Step Up Revolution*) directs from Jason Filardi's script. The story details the trials of a teen named Kyle (Lynch), who, after being uprooted by his parents' separation and unable to fit into his new hometown, stumbles upon a magical app that causes his social media updates to come true. As he becomes a hero at his new high school, Kyle's newfound power abruptly unravels, sending him crashing back down to earth.

For Lynch, the similarities to Efron go beyond starring in Disney Channel musicals. Filardi wrote *17 Again* — Efron's first movie after the *High School Musical* series concluded — for Offspring.

Fellow Disney star Olivia Holt (*Kickin' It*) and Courtney Eaton (*Mad Max: Fury Road*) also star.

Adam Shankman and Jennifer Gibgot of Offspring will serve as producers with Brightlight's Shawn Williamson and Voltage's Dominic Rustam. Mason Xu and Fan Dong from DNA Pictures will executive produce, as will Arielle Boisvert (Brightlight) and Jonathan Deckter (Voltage).

Shooting begins next month in Vancouver.

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