

EUGENE

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EUGENE screens on May 30th at San Diego's FilmOut

(Hollywood, CA – April 22, 2009) – The independent feature film EUGENE will be screened at FilmOut, San Diego's 11th Annual Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Film Festival, on Saturday, May 30th at 10 PM at Birch North Park Theatre. EUGENE received its world premiere in January, 2009 at The Palm Springs International Film Festival as the only U.S. film to be selected for the "New Voices / New Visions" series of 12 films from new international talents making their first or second films. EUGENE is written and directed by Jake Barsha, who is making his feature film debut as a writer and director.

FilmOut Festival Programmer Michael McQuiggan comments: *"I selected EUGENE for FilmOut because I was blown away by the originality, themes, direction and acting – particularly the excellent performances of the three leads (Bennett, Reyes and Ethridge) - and I always want to include a film that makes the audience squirm in their seat! This is definitely one of the best films of the festival this year."*

To date, EUGENE is an official selection of: The Palm Springs International Film Festival (January, 2009); San Francisco Indie Film Festival (February, 2009); New Filmmakers New York (February, 2009); and San Diego's Film Out (Saturday, May 30th).

EUGENE stars Stuart G. Bennett in the title role, Ryan Reyes and Megan Lee Ethridge with David M. Hoch, Michele Matheson, Zander Schloss, Susan Spano, Siobhan Towey and Alex Veadov.

EUGENE was produced by Eli Rarey and Mark S. Hartman; Marc Levy is director of photography; Terry Kelley, A.C.E., is film editor ; Ryan McNamara is production designer is; original music composed by John Clement Wood; "The Strong One" for piano composed by Jeff Miles; Stuart G. Bennett is executive producer.

EUGENE tickets and film passes for FilmOut San Diego 2009 are now on sale at <http://www.filmoutsandiego.com>.

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