

EUGENE

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EUGENE screens at Indie Spirit Film Festival on April 26th at Colorado Springs

(Hollywood, CA – April 10, 2009) – The independent feature film EUGENE will be screened at the 2nd Annual Indie Spirit Film Festival in Colorado Springs, CO on Saturday, April 25th at 10 PM at Kimball's Twin Peak Theater. 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.

Indie Spirit Festival Senior Programmer Matthew Stevens comments: *"I chose 'Eugene' for the Indie Spirit film festival because of the moving and often disturbing transformation of it's main character -- a transformation which hasn't been seen in film since "Taxi Driver" (1976). Eugene's quest to find inter-personal connections takes him into directions we, the audience, never saw coming. His emotional awkwardness paints him as sympathetic and sad man who tugs at your heart strings. What is so unexpected about this film is that the more Eugene seeks affection and human contact, when he fails, the less human he becomes. As he wrenches himself from his past, he begins to shift his future. You can't help but become engrossed in Eugene's path, both hoping for him to succeed and fearing for him when his goals are met."*

To date, EUGENE is an official selection of: The Palm Springs International Film Festival (January, 2009); the San Francisco Indie Film Fest (February, 2009); New Filmmakers New York (February, 2009); and San Diego's FilmOut. (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 are available online at www.indiespiritfilmfestival.org

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