

EUGENE

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EUGENE to receive world premiere at Palm Springs International Film Festival on January 9th as only U.S. film selected for “New Voices / New Visions” series

(Hollywood, CA – January 4, 2009) – The independent feature film EUGENE, filmed in the Silver Lake area of Los Angeles, will receive its world premiere on Friday, January 9th at 7 PM at the Palm Springs International Film Festival (January 8th-19th, 2009) 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. Written and directed by Jake Barsha, who is making his feature film debut as a writer and director, EUGENE also screens on Saturday, January 10th at 10 AM.

Festival programmers cited EUGENE as *“A brilliantly disturbing psychological thriller about a lonely bachelor who befriends a young hustler and his girlfriend with disastrous results for all involved...Strong performances -- Stuart Bennett in the lead role is particularly fine -- support EUGENE’s taut script and beautiful camerawork.”*

EUGENE is an official selection of the San Francisco Independent Film Festival (February 5-17, 2009) and will screen at the New Filmmakers New York on February 18, 2009 at 9:15 AM. Running time is 85 minutes.

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.

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