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LOCAL ARTISTS' SHORT FILM *STRYNGS* TO DEBUT AT 66TH *FESTIVAL DE CANNES COURT METRAGE*

For These Small-Town Indie Filmmakers, the Show Must Go On!

Dallas, Texas (April 29, 2013) -- Local indie filmmakers, producer Geoff McGee and director Derek Presley, have been accepted by the official *66th Festival De Cannes Court Metrage 2013* to screen their short film, *Stryngs*, to the global film industry. From May 15th to May 26th, their eight-minute fictional short, shot on 35-mm film, will debut in a renowned place where 2,980 producers and directors from around the world will gather to share their talents with the biggest industry players. International film influencers, financiers and institutions will have the opportunity to experience a unique film that not only reveals a fantastical tale of life and death as seen through the eyes of an dying puppeteer, but the hard work and driving ambition of two filmmakers from small-town Texas.

"The invitation to attend this prestigious film festival is very rewarding because *Stryngs* represents what an artist goes through for their art," said McGee. "We shot on 35-mm film to challenge ourselves to work harder for our art form and we've created something I'm extremely proud of as a filmmaker."

Stryngs is the dramatic tale of the life and death of Ambrosio the Great (played by well-known and accomplished actor Grant James), an aging puppeteer whose end is imminent but he knows the show must go on to make his final mark on Earth. Without dialogue, the film gives viewers a beautiful visual and musical vantage point of an old man being taunted by village children during his puppet shows while he desperately longs to create one show that no one will forget.

"The story of Ambrosio the Great came to me as I was thinking of how we, as humans with a limited life, could actually live forever through our art," said Presley. "We become immortal because we are instilled in future generations through our art, books, paintings, movies and, in our case, puppet shows. Just look at Mark Twain, Shakespeare and Mary Shelly -- they are kept alive by us talking about them and teaching their works throughout time."

"*Stryngs* is a fantasy held together by very human emotions. I really enjoyed playing in the film," said Grant James.

To schedule a media interview with Geoff McGee and Derek Presley, please contact Nicole-Michele Traycoff at 214.641.0117 and iheartdallasart@gmail.com. To learn more about *Stryngs*, please visit <http://spidercirclefilms.com/> and the official trailer at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VvhtezXdQ2k>. Click here to view the *Cannes Metrage Catalogue* listing for *Stryngs*: <http://registration.cannescourtmetrage.com/filmfiche2.Aspx?id=55854175>.

For background on actor Grant James, see Headshots/resumes: TheHorneAgency.com or IMDb - Grant James NEW VIDEO DEMO: http://www.demosaccess.com/actors/Grant_James.html.

About SpiderCircle Films

SpiderCircle Films is an award-winning Texas production company that is owned and operated by independent filmmaker Geoff McGee. Also a director and editor, McGee gained success with his short film *Neal* that screened at more than a dozen film festivals, including SXSW. His expertise in filmmaking is derived from his education at the University of Texas at Arlington, and while working for industry leaders such as Panavision, Cinelease, and independent film productions. For more information, visit www.spidercirclefilms.com.

About IHEARTDALLASART

Owned by PR professional, Nicole-Michele Traycoff, IHEARTDALLASART is a freelance-based business that was established to meet the publicity and media relations needs of D/FW area musicians, filmmakers, artists and designers. Traycoff has more than 15 years of proven public relations experience, both in the corporate and agency sectors. Her professional services include extensive media relations, promotions and social media expertise, in addition to strategic communications counsel and crisis communications support. Follow her on Twitter [@iheartdallasart](https://twitter.com/iheartdallasart) and YouTube channel IHEARTDALLASART. For Traycoff's film PR background, visit her IMDb site <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm4360109/>.

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