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LOS ANGELES TO LANDLOCKED Iowans Return to Home State with Movies

IOWA CITY – Actors and directors from the Los Angeles movie and television industry will attend the fourth annual Landlocked Film Festival this August 26 to 29, 2010, in downtown Iowa City.

Several Iowa natives are bringing their movies to Landlocked, including Nicholas Downs of Bondurant, the star of “Is It Just Me?”; Christopher Hutson of Fort Dodge, writer and co-director of “Ashley’s Ashes”; and Lonnie Schuyler of Burlington, writer-director of “Splatter: Love, Honor, and Paintball.”

“This year’s narrative feature films form an incredibly strong category,” said Mary Blackwood, President of Landlocked. “Audiences are going to have the chance to talk with directors and actors right after seeing a movie. This is exactly what a film festival is for.”

Over 80 films of all lengths and styles will screen at the festival, which takes place at the Englert Theatre, the Iowa City Public Library, the Sheraton Hotel, hotelVetro, and the University of Iowa’s Bijou Theater. More than 70 actors, directors, scriptwriters and other film artists are scheduled to appear.

Two panels of filmmakers will anchor the festival and will feature Googy Gress, veteran character actor and star of festival selection “Ashley’s Ashes”; Becky Smith, writer-director of last year’s Audience and Best Narrative Feature Award-winning “16 to Life”; John Putch, director of the hit show “Cougar Town” and many other television comedies as well as his own independent features; David Crabtree, lead editor and director of the popular show “Psych”; Benjamin Busch, actor-director from “Generation Kill” and “The Wire”; and several more.

“First Stop, Iowa” will bring documentary filmmaker Rebecca Glenn all the way from Australia back to Iowa where she shot interviews and footage of the 2008 Iowa caucuses. This feature-length documentary takes an Australian’s look at the rise of Barack Obama during the presidential primary.

Full information on the movies and the screening schedule are available on the festival's Web site at www.LandlockedFilmFestival.org.

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