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MONTEREY FILMMAKER IS HEADED TO SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL
Produces Feature Film Premiering at Sundance in Park City, UT

Monterey, CA - December 10th 2010 – Monterey will be represented at the 2011 Sundance Film Festival. Local filmmaker, Douglas Mueller, produced ‘Prairie Love’, an independent feature film that will be premiering in January at Sundance in Park City, UT. Mueller, a Cal State Monterey Bay graduate, returned to his hometown of Minot, ND to produce the film, along with writer/director Dusty Bias and actress Holly Ellis. ‘Prairie Love’ is a dark comedy about a nomad who encounters a nearly frozen man. The nomad learns that this man is going to meet his pen-pal girlfriend whom he has never met and assumes his identity in hopes of having a relationship with her.

After shooting in the freezing yet picturesque climate of North Dakota in January 2009, ‘Prairie Love’ was one of eight films chosen to be in the festival’s NEXT (<=>) category, which highlights innovative work in low-budget filmmaking. Over 10,000 films were submitted to Sundance this year, and fewer than 200 were accepted. Mueller and Bias are longtime collaborators of short films and other projects, but this is their first full length feature film. “To have your first feature film screen at the Sundance Film Festival is almost unbelievable,” says Mueller. “I’m so proud of the movie we made and for people to see what we put so much work into.”

Having a film accepted to Sundance is a distinguished accomplishment for any filmmaker and for Mueller, this success is motivation for the future. “Going to Sundance gives value to our other projects. We have a lot invested in this movie and are eager to show it,” said Mueller. “But I think it’s mostly about building a career or at least getting some exposure for other stories we’re excited to tell.”

Mueller studied film at Cal State Monterey Bay and has shot a number of short films that have been screened at numerous festivals including the Newport Beach Film Festival, Antelope Valley Film Festival and the Science Fiction Film Festival. Locally, he has served as resident documentarian for Chamber Music Monterey Bay and the Carmel Bach Festival and has been production manager for the Carmel Bach Festival for five years. He is currently working on many other projects including a film chronicling the final Space Shuttle launches on Kodachrome film, and multiple feature films, which will hopefully be making their debut at Sundance in the coming years.

For more information on Douglas Mueller, visit www.douglasmueller.net.
For more information on ‘Prairie Love’ visit www.prairielove.com.

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