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UVA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, VA FILM FEST, AND DU TO PRESENT AWARD-WINNING FILM

Charlottesville, VA – September 14, 2009, The University of Virginia Alumni Association, in conjunction with the Virginia Film Festival and the 175th Anniversary Celebration of Delta Upsilon, will present a special screening of the award-winning feature film “Bureaucracy” in Wilson Hall at 8PM Friday, September 25 for all members of the school and community. The free event will be hosted by UVA alumni Andrew Perreault '05, Matthew Webber '05, Brian Kirby '05, and Jay Hoover '81. Andrew, producer of “Bureaucracy,” was born and raised in Virginia and is a UVA School of Engineering graduate. He and his fellow alumni hosts are members of Proactive Pictures, a filmmaking team which produces films with the philosophy of combining the independent filmmaking spirit with a conservative business approach.

“Bureaucracy,” the first film from Proactive Pictures, has screened for audiences across the country at recent film festivals in Riverside (CA), Muskogee (OK), Pasadena (CA), Cleveland (OH), and Disneyland (CA). The film received its international premiere earlier this month in France, and it recently won the “Best Feature- Crime Drama” award at The Indie Gathering Film Festival and the “Best Picture - Drama” award at the 10th Annual Bare Bones International Film Festival. Star Jack Robinson was also nominated for the “Best Actor” award at the latter event. Filmed in Los Angeles, “Bureaucracy” additionally features the talent of actors David Simon, Kaitlyn Black, Jane Shepherd, Christine Haeberman, Alex Quattlander, Myles McLane, John Godley, Alvin Bellow, and ESPN radio-host Steve Mason.

In “Bureaucracy,” a young clerk must deal with harsh economic conditions that are falling upon him and his blind sister in a trailer park. Working at a Bureau where he is a clerk with the responsibilities of a manager but without the pay or the respect, the loyal employee is exposed to the executive corruption of an oppressive, paper-pushing boss who takes advantage of him. The subject matter has recently become extremely relevant to these current times of economic crisis.

More about Virginia Film Festival:

The Virginia Film Festival is hosted by the University of Virginia and takes place at locations throughout the city of Charlottesville during the first weekend in November. Historically, a theme has been explored through a wide array of film genres and styles, including narrative, documentary, experimental, and animated films. This year the festival will focus on the theme of Funny Business under the direction of new director Jody Kielbasa. From the early years when guests included Jimmy Stewart, Sidney Poitier, and Gregory Peck, the Festival has grown and evolved into a four-day event that has attracted guests including Robert Duvall, Vanessa Redgrave, Morgan Freeman, Sandra Bullock, Nicolas Cage and Sissy Spacek. Directors and writers such as Robert Altman, Paul Schrader, Guillermo Arriaga, and Arthur Penn have come to present their films and engage in audience discussions. In the past, Roger Ebert’s famous shot-by-shot workshops here at the Festival have become the benchmark for events of its kind.

More about Proactive Pictures:

In addition to the UVA members named above, the Proactive Pictures team also includes Andrew’s brother Mark Perreault from Virginia, and Rock Schroeter and Jonathan Edwards from Northern California. Mark is a writer who began his professional career in the Development Department of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Rock is a filmmaker with an award-winning film that screened at SXSW, and Jonathan is a cinematographer who shoots and edits segments for “Days of Our Lives.” Proactive Pictures is currently in pre-production on its next two feature films.

Information about VA Film Festival:
www.VaFilm.com

Watch the “Bureaucracy” Trailer:
www.BureaucracyMovie.com

Information on Proactive Pictures:
www.ProactivePictures.com

“Bureaucracy” Cast Information:
www.IMDB.com/title/tt1146310

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