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### Local Filmmakers Selected for the 2014 Milton Film Festival

Milton, Ontario (December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013): Milton filmmakers will be given a chance to shine at the First Annual Milton Film Festival, to be held January 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Milton Centre for the Arts.

Five of the nine short films selected to be screened at the festival were directed and/or produced by local Miltonians, and a sixth was filmed just north of town.

The Festival's selection committee, which included Milton author and former Toronto Star film critic Ron Base, reviewed 19 short films submitted by professional, amateur, and student filmmakers from across the GTA. The high quality of all the submissions made the selection process enjoyable but very difficult, said Festival Director and Committee Chair Jennifer Smith.

“We are all very excited to be able to share these films with our festival audience”, said Smith. “I only wish we had room in our program to show them all.”

Each short will be screened before one of the main feature films in the program, which include festival favourites like '**Blancanieves**', '**Frances Ha**', '**English Vinglish**', and '**The Hunt**'. Most of the short films will be introduced by the filmmakers.

Milton native Steve Belford is among those chosen to present their films. Belford is a successful actor who has been featured in many television series including '*Degrassi: The Next Generation*', '*G-Spot*', and '*Flashpoint*'. He has recently branched out into filmmaking, and will be bringing two of his short films to the festival as part of the Gala Screening on the Saturday night:

**A Star on Hollywood Boulevard** documents Belford's time spent living in his car while trying to 'make it' in L.A.

**The Wolf of Waubamik Woods** is inspired by the unexplained disappearances of Native Canadian women on the 'Highway of Tears' in British Columbia. Belford and co-star Sera-Lys McArthur (*'Arctic Air'*) also wrote and produced the film, together with director Bruce Turner.

Other films with a local connection include:

**Black Hearts Bleeding Black Featuring Marcus Misery and The Sorrow** - A quirky 'mockumentary' by local journalist and photographer Stuart Service, about a pair of intensely earnest and emotionally overwrought musicians.

**The Change** - A heart-rending but hopeful film about a teenaged girl dealing with bullying, created by Amanda Wilton and Samantha Kelly, two student filmmakers from Milton.

**Sad Monster** - Award-winning art director and Milton resident Kurt Dettbarn creates a living fable about a monster who is banished from his daughter's closet.

**Rosie Takes the Train** - Filmed at the Halton County Radial Railway (the 'Streetcar Museum') and starring Linda Kash (*'The Ron James Show'*) and Patrick McKenna (*'The Red Green Show'*), the film shows episodes of a woman's life from childhood to old age as she rides the train.

The complete schedule of shorts and feature films can be viewed on the festival website at

[www.miltonfilmfest.com](http://www.miltonfilmfest.com). Weekend passes and individual movie tickets are available at the Milton Centre for the Arts box office, or online at [www.miltoncentreforthearts.ca](http://www.miltoncentreforthearts.ca)

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