

The Paper Route

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SHORT FILM TO PLAY AT *ENTER FESTIVAL NAME HERE*

ORLANDO, Fla. – The Paper Route, an 18-minute film short based on excerpts from the book “The World’s Shortest Stories” (Running Press), has been accepted into this year’s **Enter Festival Name Here**. Created by Orlando first-time producers Balinda DeSantis and Todd Thompson, the film short will play on **Enter Date Here** at **Enter Location Here**.

Screened recently during the Brouhaha Film Festival at the Enzian Theater, *The Paper Route* takes the audience on a twisted journey through middle America, and follows Bobby, an 11 year-old paper boy, on the first day of his new paper route. Although the route appears to be just an ordinary one to Bobby, the audience experiences a series of unusual and sometimes shocking vignettes, where things aren’t always what they seem.

Written and directed by Thompson, the film features an original score by Orlando’s-own, *Swingerhead*, and was a culmination of the combined efforts of over 100 local film-making volunteers, from the cast and crew who donated their time and skills, to the local and national sponsors who donated their services.

The Paper Route was a successful attempt to help increase recognition of the film-making talent in Central Florida, a mission that DeSantis and Thompson are making the cornerstone of their newly formed production company, Stars North™ Films. Their next project, a \$2.5 million feature film called *Shooting Blanks*, is already in development. The story, written by local writer Bob DeRosa, is a dark comedy about a burned-out hit man who forms an unlikely friendship with a man he was originally hired to kill. Actor/director, Daniel Hugh Kelly, who has had starring roles in numerous feature films and TV series such as *Hardcastle and McCormack* and *Second Noah*, is set to direct.

Academy Award-nominated Seymour Cassel (*Dick Tracy*, *Indecent Proposal*, *Rushmore*) has accepted a role in the film. DeSantis and Thompson are actively pursuing additional name talent for the film. Principal photography is scheduled to begin in May 2000.

“We’ve established a strong development team for the film and are now in the process of raising production money,” DeSantis explains.

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Their team includes local entertainment attorney William L. Whitacre (*The Blair Witch Project*) and line producer, Kathryn Kelly. For more information about DeSantis and Thompson, their production company, Stars North□ Films, or *Shooting Blanks*, visit their Web site at www.starsnorth.com.

NOTE: *Digital photography is available upon request.*

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