

THIS Man's LIFE

a STARS NORTH™ film

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The Stars Will Shine Brighter in Orlando as Stars North™ Readies to Roll Cameras on Next Film

ORLANDO, FL (November 28, 2007) — There will be a few more stars in Orlando this December, as Stars North™ begins filming the third installment in their award-winning series of short films.

The Orlando-based production company's latest project, "This Man's Life," will feature a recognizable cast of film stars including Michael Rooker (*Days of Thunder*, *JFK*), Betsy Brantley (*The Princess Bride*, *Deep Impact*) and veteran actor Bill Cobbs (*That Thing You Do!*, *Night at the Museum*).

"This Man's Life" tells the magical tale of a man traveling home to claim his estranged father's inheritance when he encounters a peculiar stranger that seems to know everything about his life. Stars North™ will begin the five-day shoot in various locations around the Orlando area beginning December 4th.

The movie was written by local filmmaker Todd Thompson and Peter Raymundo. Thompson co-founded Stars North with Balinda DeSantis in 1999.

"It's hard to believe that three years have passed since I first had the idea for this film. That's how long it's been since Pete and I sat down to put pen to paper," said Thompson. "A lot has happened since then, personally and professionally, but what a great feeling it is to get behind the camera again and collaborate with such an incredibly talented group of cast and crew."

Thompson has felt a passion for movies since he was a child, spending weekends at his uncle's movie theater in Medina, Ohio not far from where the 36-year-old filmmaker was raised. Now, a Creative Development Manager in the Travel Industry Sales and Marketing Division of Walt Disney Parks and Resorts, he experienced his first taste of the Hollywood by landing with small roles in "From the Earth to the Moon" and "Dawson's Creek." He has also appeared in feature films like "The Green

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Mile", "Rosewood," "Contact" and "The Waterboy." He connected with actor Michael Rooker on a film they were working on called "Bolden!" in Wilmington, NC this past May. Rooker was intrigued by Thompson's story for "This Man's Life", and the rest, as they say, is history.

Thompson's desire to tell stories through writing and directing led him to form Stars North™ with DeSantis. Both shared an avid fondness for films and spent many years volunteering with the Florida Film Festival. It was through their experience at the festival that the duo learned if they wanted to make movies, they should start by doing shorts.

Together, Thompson and DeSantis have released "The Paper Route" (1999), "King Pathetic Creep" (2000), "The Chad Effect" (2001) and, with producing partners Kathryn Ruscio Kelly and Smithy Sipes, "Time & Again" (2002) and "Once Not Far From Home" (2005).

"This Man's Life" will be the third in a series of four short films the Stars North™ team is producing. "Time & Again," and "Once Not Far From Home", their first two films in the series, have played at respected film festivals around the world and have garnered the filmmakers a long list of awards, including Best Short Film and Best Original Score. Stars North™ has similar plans for its latest project.

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Interviews

Interviews with writer/producer/director **Todd Thompson**, producer **Smithy Sipes** and actors **Michael Rooker**, **Bill Cobbs** and **Betsy Brantley** are available upon request. Please call (310) 770-6444 for scheduling.

About Stars North™

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