

THIS **Man's** LIFE

a STARS NORTH™ film

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HOLLYWOOD WALKS THE RED CARPET THIS NOVEMBER **Stars North's *This Man's Life* to premiere at Orlando Film Festival**

Celebration, Fla (October 20, 2008)—If you're planning to attend this year's Orlando Film Festival (November 5-9, 2008), you may just set eyes on a few familiar faces as Stars North™ prepares for the world premiere screening of *This Man's Life*, the third installment in their award-winning series of short films.

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

Produced and directed by Stars North™ co-founder, Todd Thompson, *This Man's Life* tells the magical tale of a man traveling home to claim his estranged father's inheritance. On the journey home, he encounters a peculiar stranger that seems to know everything about his life. The filmmaker lensed the film in Mt. Dora and downtown Orlando over a period of five days last December.

"Bringing this film to the big screen has been what you'd call a 'labor of love' over five years in the making" says Thompson. "It always amazes me just how many people it takes to do a film like this. Each step is so important and none of it can be accomplished without the talent and dedication of everyone involved."

This Man's Life, co-written by Thompson and Stars North™ story man Pete Raymundo, features a respectable cast of local artists—like little tyke Sammy Fender who plays actor Zach Braff's son on the NBC series *Scrubs* and Orlando's Channel 6 News Associate Producer Forrest "Frosty" Respass who, at the young age of 81 years old, moonlights as a commercial, movie and theatre actor. The film also features local actor, Randy Molnar, whose resume boasts over 41 film credits including *Larry the Cable Guy—Health Inspector, Delivery, Second Coming* and most recently, a leading role in *The Tenant* which was filmed this past summer at Orlando's new Studio 500 at the University of Central Florida. Fender, Respass and Molnar all play pivotal roles in the film.

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Like so many of their other films, Stars North™ produced *This Man's Life* on a shoestring budget, attracting notable Hollywood names and offering opportunities for over 500 local cast and crew to get involved.

"It's been an exciting and positive experience for everyone" says co-producer Smithy Sipes. "We can't wait to doing it again on the next one!"

And just what is next for Stars North™? The company will soon be in development on *A Little Taste of Heaven*, the fourth and final chapter in their four-part short film series. They are also working on their first feature-length film called *My Friend Joe*, written by local screenwriter, Jeffrey Malphurs of New Smyrna Beach. The filmmakers are planning to produce the feature here in Central Florida and are currently looking for final investors to come on board to fund the ultra low-budget project.

"We are committed to growing the film industry and providing opportunities for working professionals in Florida", concludes Thompson. "It's just a matter of finding people who support the arts and believe in our films—that's the only way we're going to be able to realize the vision we have for a collaborative and thriving industry here."

With the full cast and crew in attendance, *This Man's Life* will premiere at The City Arts Factory on Saturday, November 8th at 2:00 pm. as part of the 2008 Orlando Film Festival. Admission is free and more information is available by calling (407) 843-0801 or visiting www.orlandofilmfest.com.

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About Stars North™

Stars North™ is an independent movie production company based in Orlando, Florida. The company produces commercially appealing, quality films with memorable characters, engaging plots and redeeming messages. Stars North™ is committed to developing and producing projects in Florida that employ local cast and crew for worldwide distribution. For more information, contact Stars North™ at (800) 488-1138, or visit the company's Web site: www.starsnorth.com.

Interviews

Interviews with actors **Michael Rooker**, **Bill Cobbs** and **Betsy Brantley**, or writer/director/producer **Todd Thompson**, producer **Smithy Sipes** or writer **Pete Raymundo** are available upon request. Please call **Katie Douglas** at **(407) 242-8024** for scheduling.