

Heard, Pastore Join Producer Nash in New Project

Film marks first collaboration between John Heard and Vincent Pastore since "The Sopranos"

New York, NY (PRWeb) April 3, 2007 -- While Howard Nash is best known as an independent filmmaker, this year his name will appear below the title as an actor in the film "P.J." In his first acting gig in years, Nash has some pretty good company: "Sopranos" vets John Heard and Vincent "Big Pussy" Pastore, along with dynamic 14-year-old Hallie Kate Eisenberg, to name just a few. Nash and director Russ Emanuel are now putting the finishing touches on the film, which wrapped last month.

What could bring such a respected cast to a remote warehouse in Brooklyn in the middle of winter? "P.J." is not your average indy film: simply put, "P.J." is about a subject that both Nash and Emanuel, who was instrumental in putting the project together, feel strongly about. The film, based on Mark Mcquown's award-winning play, deals with questions of God and faith.

Nash found the subject matter inspiring. "What attracted me to the script was the idea that someone is saying (indeed crying out), that our lives must have a purpose, or meaning," says Nash, who's acted in numerous independent films but is best known as a filmmaker, having produced seven films including the cult classic "Children of the Night" for Columbia Tri-Star. "I thought {the script} was a great way to bring that concept to an audience. And most of all, I thought it would be fun to do."

Drawing on his years in the business, Nash reached out to actors he'd worked with in the past and asked them to come on board. They agreed to brave the wilds of industrial Williamsburg, largely out of their respect for the subject matter and their desire to work with Heard (who recently caused a sensation with his critically-acclaimed performance in "Love-Lies-Bleeding" at Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre).

Along with Heard, Pastore and Eisenberg, the cast includes Patricia Rae ("Maria Full of Grace"), Robert Picardo (of "Star Trek" fame), Glynnis O'Connor ("Law and Order") and Eddie Malavarca ("Oz"). Russ Emanuel directed, and is currently supervising post production.

For more information, please visit www.pjthemovie.com

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