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Post-apocalyptic short comedy “Freedom State” holds work-in-progress screening August 7th at the Hollywood Theatre

Portland, OR – The short comedy film *Freedom State* will have a “work-in-progress” fundraiser screening Sunday, August 7th 2-4 p.m. at Portland’s Hollywood Theatre, 4122 NE Sandy Blvd.

Five standup comedians will provide entertainment prior to showing clips from the film. Tickets to the event are \$25 and may be purchased at the door. Tickets price includes a bag of popcorn and a small soda. Comedians set to appear include Alex St. Andrews, Mark Salveit, and Dax Jordan.

Freedom State is the story of Krystal, a housewife who becomes disenchanted with married life and checks herself into Lost Acres Mental Health Home -- a low-security mental institution located on a remote country island. When the patients wake up to find that the nurse has disappeared and the T.V. is out -- imaginations run rampant. The patients become convinced that they have survived the apocalypse. Mayhem ensues as the patients are forced to rebuild society and search for survivors. Krystal and the others quickly learn that without boundaries, reality is what one makes it out to be.

Key crew for the project include: writer/director Cullen Hoback, director of photography Shawn Sundby, former Sundance art director Travis Zariwny, and Emmy® nominated sound designer/composer Gregory Ives.

The film was shot in widescreen high definition over the course of nine days. The cast and crew spent four days on Sauvie Island, one day at Menucha Lodge in the Columbia Gorge, a day and night in the former—some say haunted—Dammash state mental hospital in Wilsonville and one day near Champoeg State Park. *Freedom State* is the first fiction film project sponsored by the Oregon Film and Video Foundation (OFVF), owner and operator of the Hollywood Theatre. In the past only documentary films have been produced under the OFVF’s auspices. The OFVF hopes *Freedom State* will be a successful model for future Oregon filmmakers.

More than \$45,000 has been raised through individual contributions, but additional funding is still needed. All proceeds from the work-in-progress screening will be used to complete the film, which will be entered in major film festivals around the world. Tax-deductible contributions to *Freedom State* may be made by calling 503-493-1128 or mailed directly to the Oregon Film and Video Foundation, 4122 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland, OR 97212. Project questions may be directed to Producer Aaron Kirk Douglas at 503-407-0810 or akdouglas@msn.com.