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### Oregon Film and Video Foundation Completes Filming on Narrative Film Project

**Portland, OR** – The Oregon Film and Video Foundation's first fiscally-sponsored narrative film has wrapped production and has now moved into post-production.

*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 staff has disappeared and the T.V. is out -- imaginations run rampant. Soon the patients become convinced that the apocalypse has occurred. 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: director of photography Shawn Sundby, former Sundance art director Travis Zariwny, and Emmy® nominated composer Gregory Ives.

Filming took place utilizing a Panasonic varicam high definition camera over the course of nine days. The cast and crew spent four days on Sauvie Island, one day in the Columbia Gorge, a day in the former state mental hospital in Wilsonville and one day near Champoege State Park. *Freedom State* is the first narrative film project sponsored by the OFVF; in the past only documentary films have been produced under its auspices. The OFVF hopes *Freedom State* will prove to be a successful model for future Oregon filmmakers.

More than \$42,000 has been raised through individual contributions, but additional funding is still needed for post-production. 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.