

OMPA Scholarship Winner Begins Shooting

One of OMPA's annual scholarship winners, Arin Kirk-Douglas, who received the award in 2004 began shooting his project this past month. After submitting an impressive application, he was able to secure the initial \$1000 to get his film off the ground.

The Oregon Film & Video Foundation also sponsored the short film project "Freedom State" (formerly "Krystal") which began filming Saturday, April 16. Production takes place around Sauvie Island, Wilsonville, and in the Columbia Gorge.

Freedom State is the story of a woman who becomes disenchanted with married life and checks herself into a low-security asylum located on a remote country island. The patients wake up one day to discover the Nurse hasn't shown up for work, cable TV has gone out during a terrorist alert, and no breakfast has been made. Their imaginations run rampant. They soon become convinced that the apocalypse has occurred. Mayhem ensues as the patients are forced to rebuild society, elect a new President, and hotwire their short bus. Once inside, they dodge pirates, run from electro-magnetic storms, and kidnap a goat. Krystal quickly learns that without boundaries, reality is what one makes it out to be.

OMPA members involved in the project include director **Cullen Hoback**, DP **Shawn Sundby**; art director **Jenelle Giordano**; key grip **James Wilder Hancock**, camera assistant **Matt Barbee**; wardrobe designer **Martha Hines**; boom operator **Matt Donaldson**; editor **Greg Day**; makeup artist **Alison Binford**; 2nd grip **Brian Neubauer**, and sound

designer **Greg Ives**. Additional crew members include first AD Martin Wright; gaffer John Nichols; production designer Travis Zariwny; script supervisor Corrinne Theodoru; sound mixer Creed Spencer; and transportation manager Robert Platt. PA's include James Eubank, Michael Lindberg, Aaron Gordon, Sean Strauss and Hythum Ismail.

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