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**Cast In Gray Sets Date for Chicago Premiere  
Film to Headline Midwest Independent Film Festival**

**Chicago, Illinois** - Life is a Dream Productions today announced that it has set the date for the Chicago Premiere of its award-winning short film, Cast In Gray. The film will be shown at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, June 7 at Landmark Century Centre Cinema in Chicago, Illinois as the headline film for the Midwest Independent Film Festival.

The screening will be attended by writer-director, I. Michael Toth and producers Christopher Gentry and Frank Herbert. A question and answer period with the filmmakers will take place immediately following the screening.

"We're very excited to have our Chicago Premiere for this film in conjunction with the Midwest Indie," Gentry said. "We've had great success with the film on the festival circuit, where we've won some awards and audiences have responded very favorably towards the film. This will be a chance for us to share our film with many of our crew, friends and other supporters that haven't yet seen it."

Cast In Gray was produced by Chicago-based Life is a Dream Productions. The film tells the story of a disillusioned man's chance encounter with a hitchhiker and his dog while stranded in a rainstorm. Written, directed and edited by I. Michael Toth, the film stars Timothy Burke and Stephen Angus, as well as Angus' dog Bibo.

In its first two film festivals, Cast In Gray won "Best Narrative Short" awards at both festivals. The film screened at the Phoenix Film Festival in April and just recently in Macomb, where the film was shot. "Cast In Gray is an exceptional, carefully crafted film, and we are thrilled to be presenting its Chicago Premiere," said Mike McNamara, Director of Programming for the Midwest Independent Film Festival.

In addition to three feature length films on Life is a Dream Productions' development slate, the filmmakers are working on a script for a feature film based on Cast In Gray. "Based on audience response to Cast In Gray, we think there is the potential for an interesting feature film that will connect with a film going audience," Gentry said. "Right now we're going through the creative process to see what is there."

For ticket information for the Chicago Premiere of Cast In Gray, and on the Midwest Independent Film Festival, call 312-642-4222, or visit [www.midwestfilm.com](http://www.midwestfilm.com).



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**About Cast In Gray (TRT 39 minutes; not rated):**

Cast In Gray was shot on location in Macomb, Illinois by Chicago-based Life is a Dream Productions. The film was written, directed and edited by I. Michael Toth and stars Timothy Burke and Stephen Angus, as well as Angus' dog Bibo. Frank T. Herbert, a native of Macomb, Illinois, co-produced the film. Sasha Redulic, an award-winning cinematographer from Los Angeles, was cinematographer on the film.

*Tagline:* In this sumptuously shot short film from writer-director I. Michael Toth, a disillusioned man's chance encounter with a hitchhiker and his dog forces him to reconsider the possibilities of his life.

*Synopsis:* Stuck in a rainstorm in the middle of nowhere, a man offers shelter in his broken down car to a hitchhiker and his dog. As the hours pass and the rain continues, the man wonders if his decision to let them in was one of a series of bad choices he made in his life – or is the chance encounter with this enigmatic stranger a godsend opportunity to solve his own problems.

**About Life is a Dream Productions:**

Life is a Dream Productions Inc. was formed in October 2000 by producer Christopher Gentry and writer-director I. Michael Toth to develop and produce independent feature films for worldwide distribution. The Chicago-based production company currently has four feature films in development for production through 2007.

**About I. Michael Toth:**

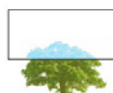
I. Michael Toth has written, produced, directed and edited a number of award-winning television programs, documentaries, short films, music videos and commercials in the US and Europe. He has four screenplays in development for production through 2007, one that includes an adaptation of a play by Academy Award winning screenwriter Steve Tesich. Toth is a graduate of the prestigious University of Arts School of Film and Television in Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro.

**About Christopher Gentry:**

Christopher Gentry formed Life is a Dream Productions in October 2000 with writer-director I. Michael Toth, where he develops and produces films for Toth. Prior to producing the award-winning short film Cast In Gray, Gentry spent 14 years as a corporate banker with FleetBoston Financial, BankBoston, Mellon Bank and Sanwa Bank. He holds a B.S. degree in Corporate Finance from Arizona State University. He is a member IFP/Chicago, a national organization of independent filmmakers.

**About the Cast:**

Timothy Burke, who plays the role of The Man, has appeared in lead and supporting roles in five feature films including The Return, The Devil's Placebo and Mitchellville (Jury Special Mention, CineVegas Film Festival). Burke trained at National Theater Institute with Richard Digby Day and Morris Carnovsky. Stephen Angus, who plays the role of The Man with the Dog, has appeared in a number of stage plays, films and television programs. His stage credits include leading roles at many theatres in the Midwest and on the East Coast; most recently at Victory



Gardens in Chicago, where he played The Pilot in The Sweet Little Prince. His television credits include the recurring character Alex Carew on NBC's Homicide: Life On The Street, appearances in episodes of America's Most Wanted and Missing: Reward. Stephen has also appeared in the films Quiz Show, Forrest Gump, Pecker, and Le Pelican. Bibbo, who plays the role of the Dog, met actor Stephen Angus one sunny morning while wandering the streets of Washington, D.C., and they have been fast companions ever since.

**About Midwest Independent Film Festival:**

The Midwest Independent Film Festival is the nation's only monthly film festival, presenting audiences with the finest independent cinema in the Midwest every first Tuesday of the month. The Midwest Indie also offers filmgoers the unique opportunity to meet directors and actors who introduce their films and hold question and answer sessions after the screenings. The festival prides itself on showcasing emerging directors, powerful artistic visions, and strong cinematic stories. These exceptional films combine with an exciting social atmosphere and a state-of-the-art digital screening venue to create one of the premier festivals in the Midwest.

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