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## **Local Independent Film Hits the Big Apple**

(*Bristol, Tennessee*) Sir Reel Films, a local independent film company, is about to hit the big time. After five years of short films, they have broken loose with *The Wraith: Eyes of Judgment*.

The short feature, based on an Australian comic book, has just been named part of the official selection for the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival. “We are delighted,” says Stuart Alson, Executive Director of the Festival, “that [The Wraith] has been officially accepted for exhibition.” The film’s director, Stephen J. Semones is also excited. “We’ve worked very hard,” Semones says, “and after two years and fifteen thousand dollars, we’re realizing our dream of bringing film success to our community without the help of Hollywood.”

The film features the artistic talent of some of the entertainment industry’s upcoming stars, as well as such Hollywood names as composer Larry Groupé (*Cable Guy, The Contender, The Usual Suspects*), Stunt Co-ordinator/Fight Coordinator Scott Leva (*Collateral, The West Wing, Star Trek*), Visual Effects Supervisor Marc Kimball, and many others. “We’re also in consideration for other international festivals,” reports Sir Reel Marketing Director Ryan Basham. “With the right support from our local community, we could find ourselves in Saint Louis, Los Angeles, London, Berlin and others.”

The festival takes place November 10 – 17, 2005 in New York City. Before festival-goers see the movie, however, the local region will have an opportunity to see the film up on the big-screen. On August 19th, the film will premiere at the Abingdon Cinemall in Abingdon, Virginia. Time and ticket prices to be announced. The film will then assume a regular screening schedule as ticket sales last.

The cast of the movie includes David Cooper as hero The Wraith, Rick McVey as villain Robert Latham, Ryan Basham as villain the Cobra, and Stacie Cooper as girlfriend Leena Patterson. The ensemble also includes David Semones, Nathan Blevins, Randy Stout and Zek Hensley, among others. In addition, the film features a cameo by radio personality Izzy Real and pop star Mandi Leigh, who also contributes the film’s love song.

For more on *The Wraith: Eyes of Judgment*, please visit [www.the-wraith.com/movie](http://www.the-wraith.com/movie). For more on the Festival, please visit [www.nyfilmvideo.com](http://www.nyfilmvideo.com).