

Press Release

“THE WORD” TO PREMIERE IN BRIDGEPORT, CT

Three Night Limited Engagement at The Bijou Theater

Bridgeport, CT: Scarlet Sky Productions is pleased to announce the theatrical release of its award-winning film, *THE WORD*, at The Bijou Theater in Bridgeport, CT. The dramatic thriller stars Kevin O’Donnell in a breakout performance and two-time Tony® award winner James Naughton. The premiere takes place March 14-16, 2014 with multiple screenings at The Bijou - 275 Fairfield Avenue downtown Bridgeport.

THE WORD follows the gripping story of single father Tom Hawkins (O’Donnell) in the wake of his son’s abduction and murder. When informed by the FBI, led by agent Mike Sheehy (Naughton), that the homicide appears to be part of a string of crimes carried out by an enigmatic sect, Hawkins inappropriately inserts himself into the investigation and embarks on a cunning path of revenge. Tom reaches deep into his religious beliefs for guidance but once the improbable killer is revealed, the aftermath can only be sorted out by God.

The film, shot entirely in Connecticut, was awarded the top honor of “Best Dramatic Feature” at the 2013 Manhattan Film Festival and also received the “Silver Ace Award” at the 2013 Las Vegas Film Festival. Several Bridgeport locations were used during production of the film, making The Bijou an ideal location for *THE WORD*’s debut. Producer Steve Grimaldi, a Norwalk resident, said, “The City of Bridgeport was tremendously accommodating to us during filming and we couldn’t be happier than to have our premiere here. This is a Connecticut-based movie and now we’re partnering with The Bijou – so hopefully we get a big turnout from local movie fans. Our test audiences loved the film and we’re confident the general population will too.”

Special events are being planned for the premiere such as Q&A with the cast and filmmakers, Bridgeport Appreciation Night, and opportunities for the audience to provide feedback. For more details and to purchase tickets, please visit The Bijou website at <http://thebijoutheatre.com>.

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