

**The New Mexico Film Office Announces
“AMERICAN GIRL: 2013 GIRL OF THE YEAR” filming in New Mexico**

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SANTA FE —New Mexico Film Office director Nick Maniatis announced today, “AMERICAN GIRL: 2013 GIRL OF THE YEAR,” starring Jane Seymour (*Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman, Wedding Crashers*) will be filmed in and around Santa Fe and Albuquerque this month.

“People recognize that Albuquerque is a great place to make films, and the fact that the film’s story line takes place in Albuquerque, and showcases our town, is an added bonus. We welcome them!” said Albuquerque Mayor Richard J. Berry.

Alton Walpole of Mountainair Films (*Longmire, Crazy Heart, The Book of Eli*) states, “The story is based on specific New Mexico locations and events and ninety percent (90%) of the crew are New Mexico residents.” The production will employ at least one hundred (100) New Mexico crew members and at least three hundred (300) principal and background talent.

“Santa Fe is very pleased to welcome AMERICAN GIRL: 2013 GIRL OF THE YEAR. We have worked hard to support the film industry so that New Mexicans can have good paying jobs on this and other films in and around Santa Fe” said Santa Fe Mayor David Coss.

The film is produced by Debra Martin Chase (*The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, The Princess Diaries*) and directed by Vince Marcello (*McKenna Shoots for the Stars*). The AMERICAN GIRL: 2013 GIRL OF THE YEAR movie is about a nine-year old creative, sensitive, and apprehensive girl who is devastated when her best friend comes back from summer camp with another best friend. She learns that the school has suspended all extracurricular activities. A big fundraiser is organized to bring back the activities to the school. Her misunderstandings with her peers, plus an accident that sidelines her beloved grandmother, stand in the way of her goals. Fortunately, over the course of the story, she gains confidence in herself, embraces change, and learns how to express her true feelings – all attributes that lead her to resounding success and renewed friendships.

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