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The New Mexico Film Office Announces “Willenberger” to film in New Mexico

Santa Fe, N.M. - New Mexico Film Office Director Nick Maniatis announced today that the independent feature "Willenberger," produced by Willenberger Productions, LLC will begin principal photography mid-November through the end of December. Production will take place in Roy, Las Vegas, Santa Fe and Albuquerque.

"New Mexico's powerful incentives, strong workforce, robust film infrastructure and incredible scenery make us an excellent location for independent productions," said Film Office Director Nick Maniatis. "We're proud to welcome Willenberger to New Mexico."

The production will employ 55 New Mexico crew members, 10 New Mexico principal actors and approximately 60 New Mexico background talent.

The independent feature is directed and produced by Ulrich Thomsen ("In Embryo") and co-produced by Steve Bakken ("In Embryo," "Hex," "Fixed").

"We were unsure what to expect coming to shoot our little indie film here in New Mexico, but all of our expectations have been exceeded. We arrived with a small budget and big dreams, and the local film community has come to our aid to help bring our story to life," said producer Steve Bakken.

Starring Ewen Bremner ("Trainspotting"); Antony Starr ("Banshee"); W. Earl Brown ("Deadwood"), "Willenberger" is a character driven comedy about sausages and friendship. The German sausage, that is. Set in small-town America, it's a story about two men, hopeless dreamers, who join forces in a quest to erect the ultimate German sausage restaurant. "Willenberger" is also a social satire about the nexus of fear, where religion becomes an intellectual cul-de-sac, and racism, homophobia and intolerance reign supreme.

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