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The New Mexico Film Office Announces *Robots* has Begun Production in New Mexico

SANTA FE, N.M. – The New Mexico Film Office today announced the feature film *Robots* is currently in production in New Mexico. The film is produced by Robots New Mexico LLC. Filming will take place in August 2021 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"Robots has a highly talented group of filmmakers behind it and we are happy to have them bring this story to life in New Mexico where they will utilize the unique locations and world-class crew that our state offers," said Amber Dodson, Director, New Mexico Film Office.

Robots is directed by Anthony Hines *(Borat)* and Casper Christensen *(Klown)* and produced by Cassian Elwes (*Lee Daniels' The Butler, Mudbound*) and Stephen Hamel (*Replicas, Passengers*).

Robots is the story of Charles, a womanizer, and Elaine, a gold digger. The duo learn humanity when forced to team up and pursue robot doubles of themselves.

The production will employ approximately 60 New Mexico crew members, 25 New Mexico principal cast members, and 100 New Mexico background and extras. Principal cast includes, Shailene Woodley (*Big Little Lies, Divergent*) and Jack Whitehall (*Jungle Cruise, Bad Education*).

"Robots" producers choose New Mexico for its terrain and easy accessibility of working with the New Mexico Film Office. We plan to utilize locations in Albuquerque, Belen, Madrid, and Pecos New Mexico. After the initial prescout, the writer and directors rewrote scenes to compliment the locations," said the producers of *Robots*.

For more information on the production contact: **<u>RobotsNewMexico@gmail.com</u>**

All film and television productions in New Mexico are required to adhere to the state's operative emergency public health order, associated public health restrictions and COVID-Safe Practices.

The New Mexico Film Office has released Back2One, a catchall set of principles, general recommendations, and resources for film and television

productions operating during COVID-19. Back2One recommendations and other COVID-Safe Practices can be found at **<u>mmfilm.com</u>**.



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