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MEGAN CLARE JOHNSON'S "STEALING ROSES" TO SCREEN AT 2012 AFM

John Heard- Cindy Williams star in comedy that takes a light-hearted look at serious topic of lack of health care coverage

LOS ANGELES, October 30, 2012 - "Stealing Roses", a new comedy with heart from writer/director Megan Clare Johnson, will screen at the American Film market on November 3rd and 5th. The movie, which was filmed in Los Angeles and Portland, Oregon, was produced by Johnson's Mama Samba Films in association with Alexia Melocchi of Little Studio Films.

Starring veteran actors John Heard, Cindy Williams and Bruce Davison, "Stealing Roses" turns the spotlight on a serious subject torn from today's headlines - the lack of adequate medical coverage for millions of people in desperate need - in a laugh-filled yet thoughtful way.

Described as a "story of love and economic uncertainty...with a comic twist", Johnson's original screenplay for "Stealing Roses" was a finalist at the Austin Film Festival screenwriting contest. Johnson, a former post-production editor and health care consultant, says her film couldn't be more topical in light of the current political climate surrounding Obamacare, although she didn't write it with provocative intent.

"I wrote the script seven years ago, so I don't know if I had controversy in mind, and couldn't predict that we would have the political/social climate we have right now, but the topic is close to my heart," recalls Johnson. "I personally am appalled that we have 46 million Americans without healthcare coverage and I began thinking what choices would a person make at the age of my lead character - 61 years old - to save their life partner?"

Co-producer Alexia Melocchi was attracted to the script not only for its content but also for its realistic yet seldom-seen portrait of an older couple who are still very much in love. "We don't really see lasting relationships in movies today," she laments. "The love between Walter and Rose is part of what drew me to the film. It's a very intimate story and it's a different perspective on love than what's largely seen on screen today."

"Stealing Roses" has international distribution representation by Barbara Mudge of Worldwide Film Entertainment. The film will screen November 3rd, 3PM and November 5th at 1PM at Le Merigot Hotel, 1740 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, California. 90401. Worldwide Film Entertainment's AFM office is at the Loews, Zuma Suite on the 7th floor.

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