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## BALTIMORE IS CORDIALLY INVITED Big Things on Tap for a Little Baltimore Film

*New York March 6th, 2014* – 48 Hour Film Best Film Winner, *Cordially Invited*, has been selected to screen at the Filmapalooza International Film Festival, March 6-10, 2014 in New Orleans, LA. Written by Jamie Nash (*V/H/S/2, Lovely Molly*) and Chris Mueller, directed by Ken Arnold (*Men in Black 3, Revolution*), this short film was written, filmed, produced and shot in Baltimore as well as features some of Baltimore's brightest actors: Dan Franko (*VEEP, The Wire*), Maddie Howard (*Ping Pong Summer*), Dan DeLuca, Lauren White (*Parks and Recreation, Better Living Through Chemistry*), John Patrick Barry (*Captain Phillips*), Rasik Ohal, Nadia Williams (*The Haunting of Pearson Place*) and Donald Imm.

The film centers on a community where a Nancy Drew type sleuth, Abby Tuesday (Howard), keeps solving mysterious murders. Suspicions begin to arise in the community: how does Abby Tuesday always seem to be present? How does she always find the killer? That's when the victims' surviving friends and family take matters into their own hands.

"This was one of the most fun projects I have ever worked on. Not only that but it makes me proud of my hometown: across all facets of the entertainment industry, this group, hailing from Maryland, has put together a project that would impress any Hollywood producer," said White.

Not to be forgotten is the production team who also won their own respective awards for Best Graphics. Lead by designer Chester Stacy, Meg Freeburn and Tim Shelby helped to create the magazine covers and post film credits. That's the cherry on top of the behind the scenes crew work of 2<sup>nd</sup> camera Herbert Mann, Sound Technician Jeff Otradovec, makeup artist Natasha Sierakowski, Producer Demetrea Triantafillides and Production Assistant Zach Steffey.

"It's one of the best pieces of work I've seen. I can't believe they put it together so quickly," said one viewer.

The young actress, Howard, also has reason to be excited; she won Best Actress for her role in *Cordially Invited*. When asked to describe her experience filming *Cordially Invited*, Howard said, "It was totes amaze-balls!" She also noted that, "during the filming, I was force fed cupcakes. Okay, not really, but I did eat 8!"

What makes this short film different and stimulating, aside from the plot, is the camaraderie of the team. Otradovec had this to say, "*Cordially Invited* was one of the most exciting films I've ever worked on. Every member of the cast and crew was there to do everything in their power to make the best film possible. After a long day of filming, I didn't want to go home, it was like leaving summer camp. I only knew one person there at the beginning of the day, but I left knowing everyone involved personally. Everyone was just excited to be there, excited to get to make something fun."

Anyone who has lived in Baltimore, or even visited for a day, can probably agree, that's par for our city's course.

For more information, visit [www.MsLaurenWhite.com](http://www.MsLaurenWhite.com), [www.filmapalooza.com](http://www.filmapalooza.com) or <http://youtu.be/Wr6ZMQlen-c?t=17s>

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