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## **The New Mexico Film Office Announces the Production *SILT* Has Completed Principal Photography in New Mexico**

SANTA FE, N.M. – The New Mexico Film Office today announced the short film *SILT* has completed production in New Mexico. The film is produced by Lo-Fi Productions. Filming took place in August 2021 in Gallup and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

“The landscapes of Gallup and Albuquerque are sure to bring the creative vision of *SILT* together,” said Amber Dodson, Director, New Mexico Film Office.

*SILT* follows Emery, a Navajo botanist, grieving the death of a beloved aunt, as she travels alone to the Gulf of California in Northern Mexico. Along the way, she is nourished by images of the last trip she took with her aunt, traversing the Colorado River. Emery arrives in the Gulf to find a river that no longer reaches the sea, a depleted water table, and a harsh environment of sand and clay. Rather than escaping her pain, it blisters to the surface in the desert heat.

*SILT* is directed by Emilie Upczak (*Moving Parts*, 2017) and produced by John Otterbacher (*Moving Parts*, 2017).

“Gallup is a unique setting that perfectly captures the essence of *SILT*. The more time we spent there, the more the people and various locations became aligned with our vision for the film,” said Director Emilie Upczak.

The production employed 4 New Mexico crew members and 3 New Mexico principal cast members. Principal cast includes Morningstar Angeline (*Outer Range*, *Yellowstone*, *Frybread Face and Me*).

For more information on the production contact: [\*\*siltthemovie@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:siltthemovie@gmail.com)

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 [nmfilm.com](http://nmfilm.com).

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