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New Mexico Film Office Announces “A Long Road to Tao,” to Begin Filming in New Mexico

SANTA FE, N.M. - New Mexico State Film Office Director Amber Dodson announced today that the feature, “A Long Road to Tao,” will begin principal photography in October, in and around White Sands, Mesilla, Las Cruces, and Hatch.

Directed by Filipino-American Alex T. Carig and produced by Michael Allen, “A Long Road to Tao” is based on a true story and adapted from the internationally acclaimed book, “*Tao of Surfing; Finding Depth at Low Tide.*” Worldwide dual-sport pro-athlete turned actor, KC Deane (“Cash Collectors,” “The First Circle”) and Jason Bernardo (“Lonesome Road,” “The Gentle Art”) will star.

“A Long Road to Tao” is a story of best friends, Dayne and Lance, who mysteriously lose touch with each other and then reunite when Dayne discovers Lance is dying of AIDS. A journey ensues as spiritual enlightenment unfolds, showcasing the unseen and seldom understood worlds of Native American spirituality, Taoism, and the mystical teachings of Water.

As Director Alex Carig writes, “I believe cinema is not just entertainment, it provides the opportunity to enlighten the audience to see their lives differently.”

“A Long Road to Tao” partnered with NMSU's CMI [Creative Media Institute] to enable select film students to work on our feature film. Being able to work with these film students has been a dream come true,” Michael Allen, producer and co-screenwriter, said.

“The Creative Media Institute at NMSU is a leading driver of talented filmmakers in the Southwest. We are grateful to creators like Michael Allen and Alex Carig for providing an opportunity for our local film students to show off their skills and become better filmmakers with hands-on experience,” Jonathon Sepp from Film Las Cruces, said.

“The Creative Media Institute is excited to partner with Michael Allen and Alex Carig to provide both educational and professional experiences for our students and alumni” Professor Sherwin Lau, Director of Photography, said..

The production will employ approximately 24 crew members, seven New Mexico principal actors and approximately ten New Mexico background talent.

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