



New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson Announces Two Films Set to Shoot in New Mexico

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SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson announced today that two films are set to begin shooting in New Mexico. “In From The Night”, a Hallmark Hall of Fame television movie, will shoot in Albuquerque and Santa Fe. The five-week shoot will employ 50 to 60 New Mexicans. “Believe in Me”, an independent feature film, is set to shoot primarily in Clovis. The film will put 101 New Mexicans to work for the 35-day shoot.

“These movies provide high-wage jobs and new opportunities for New Mexicans and an important economic infusion into New Mexico. Today’s announcement shows that our aggressive efforts to recruit film industry projects to the state are working, and we’re competing successfully on a national and international basis,” said Governor Richardson.

Noel Bermudez, *Tin Cup* (1996), *Dangerous Minds* (1996), *“Joan of Arcadia”* (2003) TV Series, *Homeless to Harvard: The Liz Murray Story* (2003) (TV), *“Judging Amy”* (1999) TV Series, is directing. McGee Street Productions, Inc. is producing the film for the Hallmark Hall of Fame to air on CBS.

“We are extremely pleased to be filming in New Mexico. The film incentives that the State offers and the excellent crews helped us make our decision to come to New Mexico. The beautiful New Mexico locations will be a rich backdrop to our movie, ‘In From The Night’,” said Brad R. Moore, President, Hallmark Hall of Fame Productions, Inc.

“In From the Night” is based on the book, *If Nights Could Talk*, by Marsha Recknagel. It is a rich story of family, a tale of wealth and emotional need that spans generations. Vicki Miller, a writer in her mid 30s is surprised by the appearance of her 16-year-old nephew,

Bobby, who arrives on her doorstep and into her ordered, childless life. Fleeing the chaotic home of Vicki's unstable younger brother and his wife, Bobby is an ominous creature-and the center of an ongoing family tug-of-war. For Vicki, to open the door is to risk opening herself up to the pain of the past. Reluctantly she takes him in. Thus begins the painful, terrifying, and extraordinary process of unraveling the damage inflicted by her family on one of its own.

"Believe in Me" was written by, and will be directed by Robert Collector, *Memoirs of an Invisible Man* (1992) and is based on the *Brief Garland*. It is the true story of Jim Keith, a high school women's basketball coach in the 1960s, who gets inspired by his team and who in turn, inspires them to greatness.

The producers of "Believe in Me" are Cotty Chubb, *Everyday People* (2004), *Attila* (2001) *Eve's Bayou* (1997), *The Crow* (1994), *Hoffa* (1992), and John Manulis, *Tortilla Soup* (2001) *Foxfire* (1996) *The Basketball Diaries* (1995).

"The film industry is a statewide industry, and that's even more evident with the announcement of a major film production in Clovis," said Rick Homans, Secretary of the New Mexico Economic Development Department. "From the villages to the towns to the big cities, New Mexico can offer Hollywood just about any environment that it can imagine."

"Film is a good, clean industry and I'm thrilled to be able to bring to New Mexico the economics and the personal opportunities that a film provides. As a New Mexico home and business owner for more than 15 years, I've always wanted to make a movie here," said Mr. Manulis.