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Governor Bill Richardson Announces Star Studded Production to Film in November

“Funny Farm” will employ 70 New Mexicans

SANTA FE-Governor Bill Richardson today announced that the project previously entitled “Funny Farm” will be the first European collaboration to shoot in New Mexico. Funds for the movie will come from Germany, the United Kingdom and New Mexico. The production will be almost entirely shot at the Vista Clara Resort and Spa in Galisteo, near Santa Fe and will employ 70 New Mexicans.

“This project marks the success of our ability to market New Mexico’s unique landscape and strong incentive package to the international film community,” stated Governor Richardson. “By captivating filmmakers and audiences around the world, New Mexico is growing a strong film industry that provides high-wage jobs and financial security for our citizens.”

The working title “Funny Farm” will be directed by Irish indie filmmaker Mary McGuckian. The film will be produced by: Jeff Abberley of SCION FILMS and Steven Haft along with Mary McGuckian and co-produced by: Robert How and Steve Harrow along with Philip Schulz and Dan Maag of ORANGE PICTURES

This film will be the second part of a trilogy. The cast will include: Kathy Bates (“Misery”), Malcolm McDowell (“A Clockwork Orange”), Jennifer Jason Leigh (“The Machinist”), Ian Hart (“Finding Neverland”), Rupert Graves (“Extreme Ops”), and Lucy Davis (“Shaun of the Dead”).

Drawn from all walks of life, regular folk, celebrities, politicians and business success stories alike find themselves under one roof at a high-end rehabilitation clinic with one thing in common - addiction.

The film will shoot for 26 days in New Mexico and 3 days in London. This project qualifies for the New Mexico Film Investment Program and will receive \$11.65 million from the state, in the form of an interest-free loan. In exchange for the 2.5 year guaranteed loan, the state will share 15% of the film’s profits.

This marks the 33rd feature film to come to New Mexico since Governor Richardson took office.

“We are extremely excited about welcoming “Funny Farm” to New Mexico,” stated Lisa Strout, Director of the New Mexico Film Office, a division within the New Mexico Economic Development Department. “And we look forward to servicing the needs of other European filmmakers that decide to come to New Mexico, which help us grow our crew base.”

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