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Governor Bill Richardson Announces *Love Lies Bleeding* to be filmed in New Mexico

SANTA FE—Governor Bill Richardson today announced that the feature film *Love Lies Bleeding* will shoot in New Mexico.

Love Lies Bleeding is the story of a struggling young couple who stumbles upon a cache of dirty money after a shootout in their apartment building. With hopes of a better life, they flee with the money, provoking the fury of a corrupt DEA agent who will stop at nothing to get his money back, and arousing the suspicions of a detective who is determined to find out what's really going on before it's too late.

The Samdel Pictures production, starring Jenna Dewan, Brian Geraghty, and Christian Slater, will be shot in and around Albuquerque from March 1 through April 3. The production expects to hire approximately 75 local New Mexico crew members.

"I'm very pleased to announce this film," said Governor Richardson. "It combines a lot of what the state incentive program aims to accomplish: a film shot in New Mexico, set in New Mexico, and using New Mexico crew and talent."

"The film industry is bringing in high paying, creative jobs to our city and they are hiring our local crews," said Mayor Martin Chavez. "Albuquerque is thrilled that *Love Lies Bleeding* is shooting here, that the vast majority of the crew are New Mexicans, and a very high percentage of the speaking roles for the cast are New Mexicans as well. It's a win-win situation."

Keith Samples (*The OC, Felicity, Oz, Homicide: Life on the Streets*) is directing, with Matt Lubber, Lena Roklin, and Mark Handel producing. Brandon Hill will co-produce, and local Santa Fean, Alton Walpole will line produce.

“It’s an ambitious project, but the state’s film incentives combined with the incredible commitment of the New Mexico state and Albuquerque film offices have allowed us to fully realize our vision. In fact, we were so impressed with New Mexico we rewrote the script to set the majority of the film in Albuquerque!” said Handel.

Since Richardson took office, more than 60 feature films and television series have shot in the state, adding close to one billion dollars to New Mexico’s economy.

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