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***"The Good Catholic" takes home top prize at Santa Barbara International Film Festival***

Film wins Panavision Spirit Award for Independent Cinema



Danny Glover in "The Good Catholic". Image Credit: Pigasus Pictures

Santa Barbara, CA - Feb. 11, 2017 – "The Good Catholic", an indie romantic comedy starring Danny Glover, John C McGinley, Wrenn Schmidt, and Zachary Spicer, took home the prestigious Panavision Spirit Award for Independent Cinema during the festival awards ceremony today, with director Paul Shoulberg accepting the award on behalf of the production. Audiences flocked night after night to see the movie at the Santa Barbara International Film festival and festival programmers added a rare 4<sup>th</sup> screening of the film, with a 5<sup>th</sup> awards screening to occur later in the week.

Zachary Spicer, John Armstrong and Graham Sheldon, alongside executive producer Jordan Gershowitz and David Anspaugh, director of "Hoosiers" and "Rudy", produced the Indiana centric film for Pigasus Pictures. "This has been a long journey for us to bring 'The Good Catholic' to the big screen and it's an honor to accept this award and bring it home to the over one hundred Indiana Hoosiers that helped bring this film across the finish line." - Zach Spicer (Producer/Actor - "The Good Catholic")

Spicer portrays a young, idealistic priest who loves his work more than anything. While he struggles to find balance between the dueling philosophies of his mentors, Father Victor (Danny Glover), an old school, no nonsense traditionalist, and Father Ollie (John C. McGinley), a chain-smoking, carb addicted Franciscan, Daniel's passion for his calling never waivers.

And then he meets Jane.

After a chance encounter during a late night confession, the complicated and mysterious Jane (Wrenn Schmidt), starts to open up Daniel's world to an entirely different set of possibilities. And problems. As new bonds form and old ones are tested, Daniel must decide what his true calling really is -- and whether or not he has the courage to answer it.

The film was shot in Bloomington, Indiana in early 2016.

Writer/director of the film and Indiana University alumnus, Paul Shoulberg, spoke at the ceremony: "It's truly special to be recognized for something that I wrote in honor of my father and I was able to make with my friends." - Paul Shoulberg (Writer/Director- "The Good Catholic")

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