



REGENERATE FILMS' 'MY SUICIDE' FILMMAKER TO RECEIVE AUDIENCE WITH POPE BENEDICT XVI

Festival Circuit Winner to be Part of Pontifical Council for Culture Event on Saturday, November 21

Los Angeles, Calif. [For Immediate Release —November 11, 2009] David Lee Miller, award-winning writer/director of the teen dramedy *My Suicide*, has been invited to attend a unique cultural meeting with Pope Benedict XVI on Saturday, November 21, 2009 in the Vatican's Sistine Chapel.

The event marks the 10th Anniversary of Pope John Paul II's Letter to Artists in which the Holy See put into writing its enthusiastic support for artists and their search for spiritual and religious inspiration. Once again, the Papacy is seeking to create "a precious and significant occasion of renewed dialogue between the Church and artists in different fields." Miller will join the historic gathering, which will occur on the 45th anniversary of a similar event that took place with Pope Paul VI.

"To receive an invitation for an event of this magnitude is truly humbling, and one of those life experiences I know I will never forget," said Miller. "It is truly an honor for our film to be included in the diverse company of such world-renowned artists."

My Suicide recently came to the attention of the Holy See after winning the Crystal Bear at this year's Berlin Film Festival, and after sweeping the Giffoni International Film Festival in Southern Italy, where it won Best Film, the Jury Grand Prize, the My Movies Best Feature and the Audience Award for Miller's fascinating look into the psyche of an American teenager. The groundbreaking film has since won 16 international festival awards in the last several months and has sparked repeat viewings wherever it plays. The film plans to release nationally in 2010.

Variety raved that *My Suicide* is, "Maddening, disarming, undisciplined, incisive... Flawless cast... Its guerrilla style should catapult pic to major cult status." *The New York Times* called the film, "A high velocity, stylistic mash-up..." *Cinematical* declared, "I can see this replacing *Donnie Darko* as the go-to film for alienated adolescents." And *indieWire* enthused, "Miller's unique collaboration brings an authenticity to the film rarely seen in examinations of youth."

Told with inventive touches of dark comedy and high drama, *My Suicide* is the story of media-obsessed high school geek Archie "Eyeball" Williams, who announces in his high school video class that he will be filming his own suicide for his final project. The resultant furor completely disrupts Archie's life, simultaneously impacting his parents, teachers, psychologists, social workers and peers, including the luminous Sierra Silver, the most beautiful and twisted girl in school. Archie and Sierra team up to expose the hypocrisy of their school and suburban lives only to find a more meaningful and hopeful world than they ever imagined.

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My Suicide is directed by David Lee Miller and written by Miller, Eric J. Adams and Gabriel Sunday. The film is based on a story by Miller and his son Jordan Miller, the co-founders of Regenerate (www.regenerate.org). *My Suicide*'s all-star cast includes David Carradine (*Kill Bill*), Joe Mantegna (*The Godfather Part III*), Mariel Hemingway (*Manhattan*), Nora Dunn (*Pineapple Express*), Brooke Nevin (*I'll Always Know What You Did Last Summer*), Michael Welch (*Twilight*) and Gabriel Sunday. David Lee Miller produces along with Todd Traina (*Grace Is Gone*), Eric J. Adams and Larry Janss. Executive Producers are Polly Anthony (*Cane*), Alana Henry, Jimmy Iovine (*8 Mile*), Michael McDonough, Julia Pistor (*Spiderwick Chronicles*), Karyn Rachtman (*Pulp Fiction*), Harold Ramis (*Ghostbusters*) and Steven Jay Rubín (*Bleacher Bums*).

After producing a number of award-winning shorts and PSAs, *My Suicide* is the debut feature of Regenerate's new film division, Regenerate Films.

For more information on *My Suicide*, please visit the film's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/mysuicide> or the film's official website at <http://www.mysuicide.net/>.



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