

The Promise Keeper Movie Premieres in Atlanta and Boston

CHICAGO, IL AND LANCASTER, PA. July 5, 2006 - Woolly Head Productions announced today that the company's feature film, The Promise Keeper, will premier in July at the National Black Arts Festival in Atlanta and at the Roxbury Film Festival in Boston. "I'm thrilled," said first time director Martin Whitehead of the film's Atlanta and Boston premiers. "Audiences in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Hollywood loved the film, and I'm happy we have a chance to screen our project in Atlanta and Boston." In the supernatural thriller/drama, a Chicago attorney races to stop a supernatural creature before it destroys his life and his daughter for their broken promises.

2000 Year-Old Myth

The Promise Keeper movie springboards from a 2000 Year-Old myth. Nail fetishes were used in certain West African villages when a bargain was struck, or a solemn oath was made. The promise maker would drive a nail into a fetish, which had been crafted by a local shaman.

Modern Day Chicago

After an unusual statue arrives in a current-day Chicago law firm, three attorneys fall under the influence of a supernatural entity. After one of the lawyers is killed, the burden falls on the founding partner, Bernard Gregory, to unravel the mystery. Along the way, Bernard discovers that his 14-year-old daughter Tina has driven a nail and sworn a sacred oath. The lives of everyone that Bernard loves depend on what he does next. "This film's premise is fantastic," said Gregory Whitehead, the director's brother and executive producer on the project. Whitehead's Chicago law firm is one of the locations in the film.

Cast

Chicago actor Ric Walker plays attorney Bernard Gregory in the film. He leads a cast of emerging actors with regional stage experience that include lead Terrina Reese as attorney Ranada Kelly and supporter Ric Arthur as attorney Miguel Alvarez. The Promise Keeper also introduces supporting actress Lakeisha Woodard as Tina Gregory, Bernard Gregory's 14-year-old daughter. "The acting in this film is superb," said producer Jocelyn Cooper. "The audiences in California loved the performances of the lead and supporting actors. Ric Walker, Ric Arthur and Terrina Reese are fantastic together."

National Black Arts Festival in Atlanta (NBAF)

The National Black Arts Festival (NBAF) is one of the largest living treasuries of art and culture of the African Diaspora--dance, theatre, music, film, visual arts and the humanities--in the country. NBAF is dedicated to celebrating and exploring the influence of the rich and unique heritage of the peoples of the African Diaspora. The NBAF takes place July 14-23, 2006. To learn more about NBAF, visit www.nbaf.org.

The Roxbury Film Festival in Boston

The Roxbury Film Festival is the largest festival in New England dedicated to showcasing films that celebrate people of color. Its mission is to provide an opportunity for audiences to view works and experience stories often overlooked in mainstream media by showcasing exceptional films. This year's festival will take place July 26-30, 2006. To learn more about the Roxbury Film Festival, visit www.roxburyfilmfestival.org.

Screenings

Atlanta: Friday, July 21, 4:00 p.m. at the Richard H. Rich Theatre, Woodruff Arts Center, 1280 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30309. Phone (404) 733-4283. A six-minute short will screen with Whitehead's feature.

Boston: Saturday, July 29, at 2:00 p.m. at Wentworth Institute of Technology - Annex Auditorium, 550 Parker Street, Boston, MA 02115-5998. Roxbury Film Festival Phone: 617/541-3900 ext.2321. A fifteen-minute short will screen with Whitehead's feature.

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