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**THE RELUCTANT DETECTIVE**

**PRODUCED ENTIRELY IN CONNECTICUT**

**COMMUNITY SCREENING SUNDAY JUNE 22, 4pm**

**AT THE HISTORIC BIJOU THEATRE**

**BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT**

**STRATFORD, Conn**., June 2014— ***The Reluctant Detective,*** written, produced, and directed by Stratford, CT resident **Christopher S. Lombardi** will be shown in a community screening on **Sunday, June 22, 2014 at 4PM** at the historic  **Bijou Theatre** in Bridgeport, CT. The screening is offered as a community screening available to the creative community in the area in which it was produced. Tickets are available are available at [***The Reluctant Detective*** website](http://www.reluctantdetectivemovie.com/), on a first come, first served basis. A donation of a non-perishable food item is requested, which will be donated to a local food bank.

The historic **Bijou Theatre** in Bridgeport is the perfect location for screening this film, because according to Christopher S. Lombardi: “The film has a definite vintage period feel. As much as I wasn’t trying to make a 1940’s film in the present time, there are certain elements that harken back to those days. Some elements include the pattern of speech, the props, the wardrobe and the credit sequences. I think that the public will notice all the little touches that went into making this film look and feel like a vintage screwball comedy.”

**About the Film**

***The Reluctant Detective*** revolves around **Bennett Stephens**, a well-known actor on a highly rated Cable-TV crime show.

Set in the present day, while on vacation with his wife in her hometown -- a town that seems to be frozen in time -- **he reluctantly gets involved in solving a double homicide.** Along the way Bennett meets many friends, foes and colorful characters. Bennett is assisted not only by his lovable wife Kelly, but by his new friend Fish, a street wise but gentle hearted gangster who is also visiting the town on vacation.

**Bennett must now rise to the challenge of trying to crack the case!**

**About the Filmmakers**

Writer, producer, director **Christopher S. Lombardi** is a graduate of Western Connecticut State University with a degree in Communication and Media. Lombardi says “The production of ***The Reluctant Detective*** is the story of a filmmaker with a vision and a story to tell, but there is so much more to it too. I was lucky to have some really great shooting locations. We shot at the same train station that Alfred Hitchcock shot scenes of *Strangers on a Train.*”

The film stars **Bristol Pomery** as Bennett Stephens, **Elise Rovinksy** as Kelly Stephens and **Lou D’Amato** as Fish.

**Bristol Pomery** is a New York based actor—Queens to be exact. He has worked mostly in Independent film and theatre as well as some TV. He was most recently seen on the FX show *The Americans****. The Reluctant Detective*** is the third film Bristol has filmed in Connecticut—the other two are *Marathon* and *Janie Charismanic.*  Recently, Bristol starred in *Driving Miss Daisy* at Playhouse on Park in West Hartford.

**Elise Rovinksy** is a graduate of the Stella Adler Conservatory of Acting. Elise also studied Drama at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden. Elise is living the life of a working actress in New York City. Elise has starred in many feature films, TV commercials and print ads. Her most recent *Come Morning* had its world Premiere at the Austin Film Festival.

**Lou D’Amato** is a Southern Connecticut based actor and has starred in many feature films, TV commercials, Cable Television shows and recently 2 TV Pilots. Lou studied with 2 time Academy Award® Nominee Jill Clayburgh in New York and Aaron Spieser in Los Angeles. The first film in which Lou was featured was also filmed in Connecticut, and starred Gregory Peck.

**About The Bijou Theatre**

**The Bijou Theatre** is housed in a building over 100 years old, and is one of the oldest buildings in the country that continues to be used as a movie house. It is a multi–functional venue run by people with integrity and an open minded philosophy. The Bijou Theatre is a symposium for film, theatre, art, comedy and music.

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