

PRESS RELEASE

Short Film Chooses Mayerthorpe as its Backdrop

Mayerthorpe, Alberta, August 19, 2014 — Mayor Kate Patrick, Town of Mayerthorpe

Mayerthorpe will be the backdrop to the short film 'The Sound and Fury of Barbie and Clive'. Writer-Director-Producer, Kristine Nutting describes the film as "a dark prairie take on the traditional road movie trope". Filming will take place throughout Mayerthorpe and surrounding area August 20 – 26, 2014.

The film centres around two social outcasts, childhood friends who are reunited as adults in their home town. Believing they have killed a security guard, the two old friends find themselves on the run. Clive the main character has Down Syndrome, and his best friend and true love Barbie is an angry social outcast who tried to make it in the big city but has been forced to return to her small town. The story examines the social implications of love and friendship that is perceived as socially taboo.

Mayerthorpe was chosen for its small rural town feel and imagery, with familiar traditions and images like the small town parade, old-fashioned main street, and local independent businesses. Highlighted businesses will include Thyme for Health N' Herbs, Hub Hotel, and Star Kitchen. Originally slated to be shot in Camrose, the crew was unable to secure an ideal location, and that's when Nutting says she discovered Mayerthorpe, "it was exactly as I had imagined it in my head".

Nutting, a drama professor at the University of Alberta, says the short film will be entered into film festivals and used to attract larger grant and production funding to produce the full feature length in 2015. They hope to be back in Mayerthorpe in 2016 to shoot the full length film.

Town Council welcomes this exciting opportunity to showcase Mayerthorpe and host the cast and production crew of this film.

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