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**CASTING CALLS PRECEDE FILMING FOR SEQUEL TO “HOT BATH AN’ A STIFF DRINK”
*Hollywood Western Returns to Old Tucson***

TUCSON, AZ (September 9, 2013) – New Deal Studios and Old Tucson are pleased to announce that principal photography on a western feature film, the sequel to *Hot Bath an’ a Stiff Drink* (shot earlier this year in Tucson), will begin November 7, 2013 at Old Tucson, Mescal, and surrounding areas.

Open-call casting auditions will be held at Old Tucson on Saturday, September 14th and Sunday, September 15th from 9am to 5pm. Casting is open to men and women of all ages. The casting directors will also be having actors read for a small number of speaking roles as well. Specific casting will be aimed at men and woman of Chinese descent. Those attending are asked to dress in period 1890s costume and to bring a headshot and resume, if available. Please do not bring any firearms.

The feature-length film will be directed by Matthew Gratzner. Producers include Jeffery Patterson, Shannon Gans and Gratzner as well. According to Executive Producer Jeffery Patterson, the film will not be a television movie of the week or a post-modern parade of violence, nudity and language, typical of what is found on cable TV. It will be a thrilling, tasteful, PG-13 rated classic film for all ages. “Our films, which pay homage to the early masters of the genre, will not only be recognized, but celebrated. It will have the restraint and respectability of George Steven’s SHANE and John Ford’s numerous classics.”



Director Matthew Gratzner will be attending the casting calls. Matthew is co-founder and creative supervisor of New Deal Studios, having worked on such films as THE DARK KNIGHT, IRON MAN, THE DEPARTED, HUGO, COWBOYS AND ALIENS, SHUTTER ISLAND and THE AVIATOR, to name a few.

Filming is expected to continue through mid-December with additional filming taking place at Old Tucson’s Mescal location. “We scouted all over New Mexico and Arizona and there’s only one place I considered filming *Hot Bath an’ a Stiff Drink*, and that was Old Tucson and Mescal. The rich history and amazing locations that Old Tucson and Mescal offer are beyond compare, and I am thrilled to be a part of this great Western filmmaking tradition,” Patterson stated.

On August 22, 2013, a one-night-only preview screening of *Hot Bath an’ a Stiff Drink* was held at the Fox Tucson Theatre with cast and filmmakers in attendance. The film received a standing ovation from the packed house. For more information on *Hot Bath an’ a Stiff Drink*, please visit: hotbathstiffdrink.com.

For more information on Matthew Gratzner, please visit: newdealstudios.com/#/Directors.

For more information on Jeffery Patterson and Once Upon a Dream Productions, please visit: jefferypatterson.net.

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Director Matthew Gratzner and Actor/Producer Jeffery Patterson will be available for live TV, radio, and other press opportunities while in Tucson September 11th-16th.

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