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Film noir comes to Fall River

Local man uses city as backdrop for his full-length movie debut

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FALL RIVER — It is a dream of many aspiring actors to one day write or star in their own feature film. For local actor Scott Stets that dream is becoming a reality.

Stets and his company, Phoenix Rising Films, are currently in production of their first full-length film, "Cricket Snapper," of which Stets is the writer, director and executive producer.

"Cricket Snapper" takes place during the winter in a small New England town called River Falls. This film noir takes a cynical look at how the death of a local politician effects the inner relationships of the people involved, as well as the entire community.

The film is loosely based on actual events that occurred three years ago in Quincy, when a man visited a dominatrix. During the visit, the man had a heart attack and died. So, for fear of exposing her illegal home business, the dominatrix and her boyfriend decide to bury the body. "Cricket Snapper" offers the twist that the dominatrix and her boyfriend are killed trying to hide the body.

"I read this story and I knew it was a movie in the making," said Stets.

Stets plays the role of Alan McDermott of the River Falls Police Department. McDermott is a police officer at the end of his wits. He has been waiting his whole career for a case like this and he hasn't a clue how to solve it.

The crew has had the valued assistance from local police and firefighters to help accurately depict what a crime scene might really look like, as well as how the crimes would be investigated, said Stets.

The name of the film is derived from a tiny clicking device used by paratroopers during World War II to identify where allied troops were situated after landing.

Stets began his acting career at a very young age, playing a villain in a Norwegian folk-tale play in elementary school. He went on to perform for the

Durfee Theatre Company, but says he got his love and respect for acting while with the Bristol Community College Theatre Rep.

"While at BCC I was lucky enough to be taught by (BCC Theatre Rep director) Rylan Brenner," said Stets. "He's the one who really taught me about acting; about the seriousness of acting."

Besides his successful acting career, Stets is also the author of "Bite Me," has interviewed guitar legend Les Paul, as well as Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Elie Wiesel, and worked as a researcher for best-selling, world-renowned Dracula expert Raymond T. McNally. In his capacity as the guitarist, singer and songwriter for his band, Phoenix Rising, Stets played with Les Paul as guest artists with Tony Bennett at the Iridium in New York City.

"The biggest inspiration for my music and acting has been my parents," Stets said. "They have been very supportive of everything that I've done."

Stets has directed stage productions in the past but this is his first attempt at directing a full-length film.

"As different as stage and film-acting are," said Stets, "they have one very important thing in common — capturing the true emotions of the actors."

The cast and crew of about 25 consists mostly of local actors from BCC and the Little Theatre of Fall River. The exterior snow



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Above, from left, Vaughn Grae, Christopher Gallant and Scotty Richard Stets rehearse a scene Wednesday from the film "Cricket Snapper" at St. James Pub in Fall River. Below, Amy Silvia is not cooperating as Stets, who plays a detective in the film, tries to get some information from her.

scenes were shot in Worcester and most of the action scenes will be shot at locations in Fall River, including the St. James Pub and Mark You Restaurant.

Filming for the movie began late last December and the crew is hoping to finish filming by the first week of October, with a goal of completing the film by Christmas. Upon completion, Stets plans on entering the film

into both national and international independent film festivals. The film will have an R-rating for adult themes and

adult content.

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