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Synopsis



What would happen if your secret was suddenly exposed?

Nine friends discover just how explosive it can be, as their past becomes their present.

Reunited at the funeral of their hometown hero, Chris Hayden, tensions escalate as their darkest secrets are revealed.

Jeremy (David A.R. White-“Mercy Streets”), struggling with his calling as a former youth pastor, is caught in an awkward love triangle between his new fiancée and his old flame Sherry (Tracey Melchoir-“Bold and Beautiful”). As the embers of their past relationship reignite, Jeremy’s fiancée Rachel (Stacey Keanan-“Step by Step”), is determined to solidify their relationship and demands he affirm his commitment to her. Gary (John Schneider-“Dukes of Hazzard”, “Smallville”) poses questions on everyone’s beliefs as this close knit group of friends contests world views, lifestyles, and personal passions.

Pastor Wexler (Reginald Vel Johnson-“Die Hard”, “Family Matters”) encourages them not to give up but follow the truth that Chris Hayden lived.

Hidden Secrets is a story of love, friendship, redemption and ultimately faith. Humorous, touching and always entertaining.

Featuring Hit Music by Rachael Lampa and Building 429

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Feature Film 'Hidden Secrets' Entertains While Exploring Themes of Forgiveness and Faith

LOS ANGELES (August 4, 2006) --- Does anyone ever travel too far down the road of life to be truly forgiven? A new feature-length movie from family-friendly filmmaker Pure Flix Entertainment offers a dramatic and compelling answer to this burning question, in the process deals with pressing issues like abortion, homosexuality, pre-marital sex -- and the true meaning of faith.

Set for release October 6th in select cities across the nation, *Hidden Secrets* is a colorful and compelling account of love, friendship, sorrow, regret, conviction, conversion -- and ultimately, faith. With a star-studded cast that includes John Schneider (television's "Smallville" and "Dukes of Hazzard"), Tracy Melchior (from daytime TV's "The Bold and the Beautiful"), David A.R. White (Mercy Streets and Melrose Place), and Christian recording artist Rachel Lampa, *Hidden Secrets* tells the story of a young man whose surprise encounter with a painful past opens the door to healing and renewed faith for himself and those he loves.

Joining a group of childhood friends for the hometown funeral of his best friend, Jeremy finds himself caught between his new fiancé and an old flame that still burns deep within his heart. Forced to face his humiliating fall from youth pastor to college party man, Jeremy discovers that he isn't the only one hiding a dark secret -- or in need of mercy and forgiveness.

Tom Saab, president of Christian Film Festivals of America, calls *Hidden Secrets* an "outstanding and uplifting story" that will touch everyone who views it. "*Hidden Secrets* is a movie for everyone ... who needs forgiveness," said Saab. "That means it's a movie for everyone!"

Ted Baehr of MovieGuide calls *Hidden Secrets* "compelling" given its focus on faith, emphasizing that the dialogue never becomes preachy or didactic. Byron Jones of Pure Flix Entertainment noted that the film's producers took great care to ensure that the plot and dialogue would have strong appeal both to viewers with strong faith as well as to those struggling with issues of faith and forgiveness.

"Our goal was to produce a movie that would inspire, encourage, and challenge audiences members whatever their level of faith," said Jones. "Those who have previewed *Hidden Secrets* confirm that it succeeds on that front, in addition to being an entertaining, compelling story."

Susan Zahn, an expert in faith and family media, noted that *Hidden Secrets* is a movie that will entertain audiences while compelling them to think. "There's humor, there's drama, there's a story here that keeps you engaged," said Zahn. "But when the lights come back up, you'll want to talk about what you've just experienced -- and how the issues touch your own life. *Hidden Secrets* is one of those movies that will impact everyone who sees it."

To find out more about Hidden Secrets, visit www.hiddensecrets-themovie.com.

Cast Biographies

David A. R. White



David White's first professional acting line after moving to Los Angeles at age 19 was, "Hi, may I take your order?" in a McDonalds commercial. He soon branched out, however, landing a recurring role as the best friend of Burt Reynolds' son on the hit CBS series *Evening Shade*, a gig that lasted for three years. David went on to guest appearances on such shows as *Coach*, *Saved by the Bell*, *Sisters*, *Melrose Place*, and many others. In 1999, David played the lead in the feature length movie, *The Moment After*, a film he helped create and produce. In 2000, he produced and played the lead dual roles in *Mercy Streets*, followed in 2004 by *SIX: The Mark Unleashed* and the 20th Century Fox film *The Visitation*. In 2005 David produced and played the lead roles in *A Simple Twist of Faith* and *The Moment After 2...the Awakening*.

John Schneider



John Schneider began acting in theater at the age of eight in his native New York. At age 14 his family moved to Atlanta where he was involved in many local theater productions. After landing a small part in *Smokey and the Bandit* (1977) starring Burt Reynolds, John's big break came when he won the role of Bo Duke on the television hit *The Dukes of Hazzard* (1979) on CBS from 1979 to 1985. He auditioned for the role pretending he was a genuine country boy. He had a week's growth of beard and held a beer can claiming he was from Snellville, Georgia. John moved on to a very successful career as a country singer with hit songs like "I've Been Around Enough To Know" and "Country Girls." He appeared in TV's *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman* (1993) as Daniel Simon/Red McCall and has since launched Faith Works Productions in San Antonio, Texas.

Tracy Melchior



Tracy Melchior began acting in high school, and continued learning her craft at Colorado State University. She later moved to California where she began acting in commercials for Old Spice, Nike, and Coca-Cola before guest-starring in such television shows as *My So-Called Life* and feature films like *Beverly Hills Cop III*. Best known for her dynamic soap opera roles, Tracy has appeared on *The Young and the Restless*, *Sunset Beach*, *The Bold & the Beautiful*, and *One Life to Live*. She is also the author of the book *Breaking the Perfect Ten* (Broadman/Holman).

Rachel Lampa



Discovered by producer Brown Bannister at the age of 14, Rachel Lampa has gained a reputation as one of contemporary Christian music's most versatile artists. She was first featured on Word Records release *Live for You*, signing "There Is Still a Dream" with R & B great Aaron Neville. In 2000, her debut album was released -- around the time she was beginning high school. Her next album, *Kaleidoscope*, showcased Rachel's talent as a songwriter, followed by *Blur*, which spiced up songs from previous albums with dance, hip-hop, and pop elements. Her latest album is *Blessed: The best of Rachel Lampa*. *Hidden Secrets* is Rachel's first movie role.

These are sample photos for originals visit the website at
<http://www.hiddensecrets-themovie.com/images/PRMaterials/webphotos/index.htm>



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Do_you_think_God_...



Gary_in_Church.jpg



Gary_takes_a_stan...



I_have_always_love...



Jeremy&Sherry.jpg



Jeremy's_bedside_f...



Michael_meditates_...



Michael_meditates_...



Rachael_says_farw...



Rhonda_look_out_t...



The_old_flame_and...



What_do_you_think...



You_wouldn't_believ...

MOVIEGUIDE

HEADLINE: ** Faith Thaws the Big Chill **

TITLE: HIDDEN SECRETS

Quality: * * * **Acceptability: +4**

SUBTITLES: None

WARNING CODES:

Language: None

Violence: V

Sex: S

Nudity: None

RATING: PG

RELEASE: October 6, 2006

TIME: TBD

STARRING: John Schneider, David A.R. White, Tracy Melchior, Staci Keanan, Corin Nemec, Gregg Binkley, and Autumn Paul

DIRECTOR: Carey Scott

PRODUCERS: Russell Wolfe, David A.R. White and Michael Scott

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS: Milton Mabry and Steve Seabury

WRITERS: [Sean Paul Murphy](#), [Timothy Ratajczak](#), Russell Wolfe, David A.R. White, Michael Scott, and Carey Scott,

BASED ON THE NOVEL/PLAY BY: N/A

DISTRIBUTOR: Pure Flix Entertainment

CONTENT: (CCC, FR, V, S, A) Very Strong Christian worldview with many quotes from Scripture, with a very slight antinomian tinge mocking and rebuking one character who's slightly legalistic but overall a very good balance; no foul language; man falls off roof, man appears to be ready to put a gun to his head to commit suicide; some discussions of sex, including ex-homosexual character, but no sexual activity; no nudity; possible drinking in nightclub; no smoking; and, nothing else objectionable.

GENRE: Drama

INTENDED AUDIENCE: All ages

REVIEWER: Dr. Ted Baehr

REVIEW: HIDDEN SECRETS is reminiscent of a famous character study movie that was a hit with baby boomers, entitled THE BIG CHILL. This time, the message affirms the Christian faith, but does so with some very interesting discussions from people who have had years of brokenness in their lives, such as one Jewish character, one ex-homosexual and one Christian woman in a hyper legalistic mood.

The movie starts with what seems to be a suicide, with a man putting a gun to his head. The movie cuts to Chris's funeral. The preacher is preaching the Gospel. When the crowd goes home to Chris's sister, Sherry's, house, their individual stories begin to emerge.

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Jeremy used to be Sheri's fiancée, but they broke up 10 years ago. Now, his new wannabe fiancée is pushing him hard to make a commitment. Gary, played by John Schneider, is half Jewish and very antagonistic to the Christian faith. The wife of another friend is a very angry legalistic Christian, who makes a point of telling everybody they're going to Hell.

HIDDEN SECRETS is a surprisingly compelling movie. The writing has some very good insights into character. Some of the acting, especially Tracy Melchior (ONE LIFE TO LIVE and THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL) and John Schneider (SMALLVILLE and THE DUKES OF HAZARD), is very good. The direction is good but not totally consistent. Very few scenes are superfluous, however, and very few moments are over the top.

What is surprising about this movie is the strong faith-based, Christian content that constantly references the Bible. None of these references are preachy or didactic. They flow from the discussions within the characters. This interesting flow attracted the screening audience so that some of them started to move closer in to follow the action of the movie, a very good sign.

Clearly, this is a low-budget movie. For the most part, it will be straight to video. Some of the jeopardy is soft and some of the plot points are delayed, but those who like character studies will find themselves encouraged, uplifted and entertained by HIDDEN SECRETS. MOVIEGUIDE® urges audiences to find out more about these hidden secrets.

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SUMMARY: HIDDEN SECRETS is an ensemble drama about a group of troubled people confronting one another after the funeral of a friend. HIDDEN SECRETS is a surprisingly compelling movie that affirms the Christian faith. Those who like character studies will find themselves encouraged, uplifted and entertained.

IN BRIEF:

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Christian Film Festivals of America, Inc.

“Hidden Secrets” Movie Review

“A movie that can help heal the wounds of unforgiveness”

Tom Saab, Founder and President
Christian Film Festivals of America, Inc.

Hidden Secrets a movie for everyone in America who needs forgiveness. That means it's a movie for everyone! With it's “life changing” message, the film deals with current issues including abortion, abstinence, homosexuality and what being a true Christian is all about.

An outstanding and uplifting story guaranteed to touch everyone who views it. A marvelous performance by David White, as well as the entire cast. Every character grabs and holds your attention throughout the film. *Hidden Secrets* not only teaches us about forgiveness, but also teaches about love, patience, trust, perseverance, and so much more.

The film includes just the right amount of humor, much of which is superbly provided by John Schneider and timely weaved into a serious, modern day, drama.

A top quality production, from great performances by all, to the music and songs by Rachel Lampa and Building 429. In addition, the truth of God's Word is clearly shared throughout the movie.

Hidden Secrets will, without question, have a positive impact on families throughout the United States, Canada and wherever it is seen. It is a movie that can help “heal the wounds of unforgiveness”. *Hidden Secrets*, a motion picture that will be a great success for the Glory of God.

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- Russ Wolfe

Film Consultant

- Byron Jones

Music

Rachael Lampa

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Songs Used

- When I Fall
- The Good Life
- No Other One
- The Art

Building 429

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1. Home
2. I Belong To You
3. The Space In Between Us

Endorsements

Coming soon

Additional Info

Website

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Theatrical (Targeted Cities)

October 6, 2006

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| 1. Atlanta, GA | 14. Sacramento-Stockton, CA |
| 2. Chicago, IL | 15. Oklahoma City, OK |
| 3. Detroit, MI | 16. Cincinnati, OH |
| 4. Grand Rapids, MI | 17. Springfield, MO |
| 5. Indianapolis, IN | 18. Tulsa, OK |
| 6. Los Angeles, CA | 19. Harrisburg, PA |
| 7. Tampa-St. Petersburg, FL | 20. Orlando, FL |
| 8. Washington, DC | 21. Nashville, TN |
| 9. Dallas-Ft. Worth, TX | 22. San Antonio, TX |
| 10. Seattle-Tacoma, WA | 23. Phoenix, AZ |
| 11. Philadelphia, PA | 24. Bentonville |
| 12. Denver, CO | 25. Charlotte, NC |
| 13. Houston, TX | |

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