

Camelthorns – a Namibian film coming soon



Scenes from the film 'Camelthorns'.



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Namibian filmmaker Tanya Detering is bringing to screen an exciting film titled 'Camelthorns' set in Namibia. The adventure/drama film tells the story of two girls on the run from the law. According to Nicole Davidow who is the co-producer and also acts in the film, it was inspired by the 1991 film 'Thelma and Louise' about two girlfriends who were on the run after killing a would-be rapist.

In Camelthorns, the two girls Marie (Nicole Davidow) and Jessica (Klara Mudge) find themselves at the Police road-block carrying drugs in their vehicle. After seeing the police searching the car in front of them, they panic, accelerate and run away.

The 17 minute long movie was written by Detering and Dashiell Finney who is a New York based screenplay writer. At the time Davidow was also studying film in England and the two long time friends (Detering and Davidow) made contact with each other, which culminated in the project coming to fruition.

According to Davidow, Camelthorns which was shot on location on a farm in Karibib, they anticipate post production to be done in the next six weeks and the film to be released at the end of February.

The short film is a promo for a feature film with

the same title due for filming in 2011. "Funding will largely depend on the success of the short version," says Davidow, adding that they plan to fly back to New York sometime this year for more funding.

Executive producer of the short film is Hollywood director and producer, Doug Liman who is well-known for directing films such as Mr & Mrs Smith and The Bourne Identity. Locally, Camelthorns was produced in association with Media Logistics Namibia, a film production company run by Michaela Bauer and Oshosheni Hiveluah.

Cast and crew were all scouted locally and the shooting locations promise the unmistakable savannahs landscapes of Namibia. The movie features a line up of new faces, which include Klara Mudge and Ruan Greef as Andre in lead roles. It also casts well-known Namibian actor Armas Shivute, Samuel Kapepo, Johannes Kamati and Nghishy Muniaro in supporting roles.

This coming-of-age film was photographed by Horst Zaire and the sound design was done by Audioart's Wojtek Majewski, while credits for the art directing go to Nicci Wilson.

Camelthorns promises to give the audience a taste of the great adventures the girls will face in the feature film.