

Capstone Picture's Aqua films in Eaton

Shooting for Miami's own Capstone Pictures' short film, Aqua, got under way April 4-6 and will continue April 11-13. With a long track record of success for Capstone Pictures at regional and international film festivals, hopes run high for Aqua. Aqua is an action-packed story of revenge with noir elements. A new drug, "Aqua," has become rampant throughout the city causing immediate addiction to anyone who comes across it. Our main character, Hunter, was shot and left for dead but months later he is back and will stop at nothing to get what is

owed to him. Along the way he recruits help from his former lover leaving a trail of mayhem across the whole city. A story full of revenge, action, and intrigue, this film will be fast-paced and thrilling.

Capstone Pictures has previously garnered high recognition for its films by earning awards from the regional chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and The Rochester International Film Festival. Before its exhibition at film festivals, Aqua will show at the new Armstrong Student Center on the Miami

University Campus. Experienced Miami film majors and seniors are making this film come to life. Robert Horn, a senior at Miami University, wrote the script and is Director of the film. Emily Gibson, Assistant Camera in Aqua, will be working with a film company at the Cannes Film Festival this summer. Many crew members are involved in the Miami Association of Filmmakers and Independent Actors (M.A.F.I.A.) and have worked on Capstone Pictures productions in previous semesters. Hollywood-based

Director of Photography and Miami alumnus AJ Rickert-Epstein has regularly partnered with Capstone Picture productions. AJ Rickert-Epstein will be acting as Hunter, the lead character, and will also be coaching the Director of Photography for Aqua, senior Francesco Filice. AJ will be active in the production while Jake is taking up a different assignment this semester. Midwest Grip and Electric, the largest film lighting company in the country is providing a full grip truck with Hollywood grade professional lighting gear

at a drastically discounted price. Sam Ribbler and Dr. David Sholle are the instructors for the Com 414 capstone course and are co-executive producers for "Capstone Pictures". Sholle is an Associate professor in the Department of Media, Journalism and Film and Ribbler is an adjunct instructor who worked in the industry for 20 years as a partner, producer and director at an independent production company.

Shooting of Aqua will take place on-set and on location in Eaton, and Oxford. Locations for shooting include an abandoned warehouse in Oxford with graffiti covering its walls, bridges and Railways around downtown Cincinnati, an estate in Eaton, the 230 Bar in Downtown Eaton, and Hoyt Hall on campus. Photographers and reporters are welcomed and urged to cover the making of Aqua and its path from shooting, exhibition, and competition in film festivals. If interested, contact Jessica Ball at ballj3@miamioh.edu or 216-502-6210, David Sholle at sholled@miamioh.edu.

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