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"MISSING IN AMERICA" TO WORLD PREMIERE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT SEATTLE INT'L FILM FESTIVAL

Danny Glover stars in drama surrounding Vietnam Veterans

Fitting tribute is based on story by Washington State writer, former Green Beret

May 16, 2005 (Seattle, WA) – MISSING IN AMERICA, the feature film directorial debut from director Gabrielle Savage Dockterman, will have its world premiere over Memorial Day Weekend at the Seattle Int'l Film Festival in the New American Films Competition. The film, about disenfranchised Vietnam Veterans living in the deep rainforest of the Pacific Northwest, stars Danny Glover, Ron Perlman, Linda Hamilton and David Strathairn.

Based on a story by Ken Miller inspired by his experiences as a helicopter gunship pilot in Vietnam, the script was written by Miller, Dockterman and Nancy L. Babine. Miller is a long-time resident of Port Angeles, Washington, a central location for the real-life vets making their home in the safety and anonymity of the woods.

MISSING IN AMERICA is the contemporary story of a Vietnam veteran (*Danny Glover*) who has lived in self-imposed exile in the rainforest of the Pacific Northwest for more than thirty years, haunted by memories of lives lost under his command. A former member of his platoon (*David Strathairn*) unexpectedly appears at his remote cabin, only to vanish overnight, leaving behind his young half-Vietnamese daughter (*Zoë Weizenbaum*).

"We hope this story of healing and forgiveness will be cathartic for vets," said Dockterman, "and will serve to remind us all what price is asked of our men and women who serve their country."

Miller served in the Green Berets and flew helicopter gunships during the war. "Most people think the Vietnam War is history," he said. "But it's still raging on for those who were there. People find ways to survive, but it never goes away."

To survive some vets have shunned society. The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates the number of homeless veterans in the United States to be 200,000 on any given day. Of that number, according to the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, an estimated 4,500 - 6,000 live in the state of Washington. Today the number of

homeless Vietnam veterans is greater than twice the number of service personnel who died during that war.

MISSING IN AMERICA will play in SIFF at the Egyptian Theatre (801 East Pine Street, Seattle, WA 98122) on Saturday, May 28 at 6:00 and on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30 at 1:30. A question and answer period with the filmmakers will follow both screenings.

MISSING IN AMERICA is represented for worldwide sales by David Garber and Rob Lynch of Lantern Lane Entertainment. The film is produced by Gabrielle Savage Dockterman of Angel Devil Productions, and Isen Robbins and Aimee Schoof of Intrinsic Value.

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**Director Gabrielle Savage Dockterman, Zoë Weizenbaum and Ken Miller will be in attendance at SIFF screenings and available for interviews over Memorial Day Weekend.

Danny Glover, Ron Perlman, David Strathairn, Linda Hamilton, writer Ken Miller and director Gabrielle Savage Dockterman are all available by phone for interviews.

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