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Yukoners receive recognition at international horror film festival in California

WHITEHORSE—Two Yukoners are being recognized for their short film which was accepted into the Screamfest Horror International Film Festival in Los Angeles in October.

Economic Development Minister Currie Dixon is offering congratulations to David Hamelin and Neil Macdonald for their film *Fragments*.

"This was a proud moment for Yukon and one that acknowledges Yukon's talented filmmakers," Dixon said. "The Yukon Film & Sound Commission is pleased to have played a part in supporting the film industry to develop viable careers and businesses."

The short film was created as a teaser for a feature screenplay being developed by Hamelin and Macdonald. They hope to use the short film as an example of their work to gain financing to shoot the feature version of the film in Yukon.

"It was very exciting making our world premiere at such a high-profile festival and we're happy to be getting some exposure," Hamelin said. "*Fragments* has been in the works for a long time and we hope this short film will help with the development of the feature-length version."

The Yukon Film & Sound Commission's Filmmakers Fund supported the production of the film. The producers received \$7,000 towards the total budget of \$10,000.

Fragments was written, directed and produced by Hamelin and Macdonald, along with producer Blake Wildfong. It was shot over six days in February 2010 and completed post-production in June 2011 with 100 per cent Yukon-made visual and special effects. The production employed 45 Yukon crew members and extras, and starred local actors Kestral Martin, Asher Brault and Moira Saurer.

The producers have applied to other film festivals and hope to show their work at the Dawson City Short Film Festival next April.

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