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BESTSELLER FILM DRAWS INDUSTRY VETS

PETOSKEY, MICH. — Legendary actress Lana Wood and two other seasoned, L.A.-based actors have joined the cast of the suspense-thriller “Bestseller.”

The feature-length film, which is Michigan Film Office approved, is based upon the adult novel “Bestseller,” written in 2001 and released in 2002 by Michigan author Christopher Knight, who is best known for his children’s book series “Michigan Chillers” and “American Chillers,” which he writes under the pseudonym Johnathan Rand.

“Bestseller” was initially a smaller production in scope when it rolled camera in July, but the cast and crew have reset and will begin production in and around Petoskey Oct. 14-Nov. 2.

Lake Street Media of Petoskey has partnered with Collective Development Incorporated (CDI) of Lansing, along with Knight’s company Misery Bay Films, to produce the project.

Christina Rohn of Lake Street Media and the new director of “Bestseller” is excited to welcome Wood, Nichols and Knox to the already spectacular cast.

“We are so honored and humbled to have these seasoned actors joining our project,” Rohn said. “The level of talent we have accumulated thus far is phenomenal and I’m confident in the art we will create together.”

Wood is the younger sister of Natalie Wood and is best known for her work in John Ford’s western classic “The Searchers,” playing opposite John Wayne and Natalie Wood; as well as the 1971 James Bond film “Diamonds Are Forever,” in which she played the femme fatale Plenty O’Toole opposite Sean Connery.

Wood said she is looking forward to the experience of working on “Bestseller.”

“I love Michigan,” she said. “The story is great and I’m thrilled to be joining the cast.”

Also attaching themselves to the project, alongside Wood, are L.A.-based actors Taylor Nichols and Terence Knox.

Nichols is a native of Lansing, Mich., who is best known for his roles in “Jurassic Park III,” “Congo,” “Boiler Room” and “The Big Easy.” He has also played supporting roles in well-known television shows such as “Modern Family,”

“Criminal Minds,” “Grey’s Anatomy,” “Friday Night Lights,” “Monk,” “24,” “CSI: Crime Scene Investigation” and more.

Knox is known for his starring roles in classic TV series such as “Tour of Duty” and “St. Elsewhere.” In addition, he has previously co-starred in the CDI film “An Ordinary Killer” and its Lionsgate-released western “Dean Teaster’s Ghost Town.”

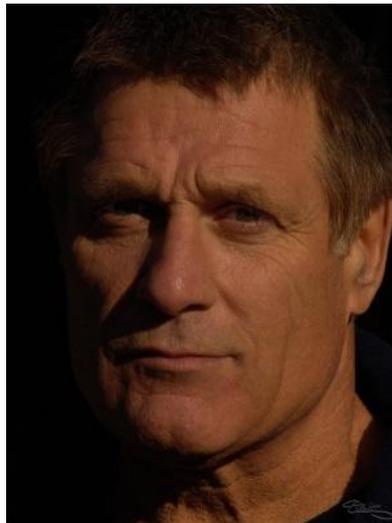
“Bestseller” is a film about Chicago literary agent, Anne Harper, who vacations to a cabin in a remote area of the Upper Peninsula. While there, she receives an unexpected manuscript on her doorstep. It is from wannabe author, Gerald Morgan, whom she has refused to sign with her agency on numerous occasions. The manuscript — “Bestseller” — is written with Harper in mind. It is about a successful literary agent who is stalked, tortured and killed by a disgruntled author while vacationing in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. As Harper reads through the manuscript, she begins to realize that the story isn’t quite fiction — it’s about to become her reality.

Starring in the film are CDI producers and actors DJ Perry and Melissa Anschutz, as well as Ralph Lister and Petoskey native Remi Dunkel.

Petoskey native and owner of Lake Street Media, Scott Castelein, will lend his talent to the project as director of photography.



Lana Wood



Terence Knox



Taylor Nichols

