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New Science Fiction Series, *InZero*, Premieres in Metro Detroit Catch the Hollywood Red Carpet Action Done Detroit Style 60 Minutes Before Show Time

DETROIT, April 20, 2006 – The Mitten Movie Project presents the highly anticipated premiere of Episode 1 of *InZero*, the new science fiction series shot entirely in Detroit by Thought Collide Productions on Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at 7 p.m. at the Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak. Also showing are local independent films *Starlet* and *Caught*. Catch the lights, camera and red carpet interviews a la Hollywood style, but done with a distinct Detroit twist starting sixty minutes before show time.

In addition, Thought Collide will host a casting call for upcoming *InZero* episodes at the premiere. Actors of all ages and any nationality should bring a resume and headshot.

The evening begins with Episode 1 of *InZero*, directed by Jamie Sonderman. The series is set in the near future as Thames, an ambitious courier, weaves his way through a dangerous city in a post-apocalyptic world. The future of the human race is at stake as the decimated population has become sterile. Thames finds himself in the middle of the struggle. In a dark world, someone has to deliver hope.

InZero stars local actors Jonny Victor as Thames and Mare L. Costello as Marilee as well as Stevie Robinson, David Durham, Jeff Stetson, Vince Rasnick, Sonja Ribicki, Caleb Gilbert and PJ Jacokes. Watch for special cameo appearances from Danny Methric and Tony DeNardo of The Muggs.

“Filmmaking is a direct expression of my stand to transform the world through storytelling,” says director Jamie Sonderman. “I see the world as a beautiful place. I have dedicated my life to helping those around me see their dreams come true - with them I will have my dreams fulfilled.”

After *InZero*, the evening continues with *Caught*, a short directed by Michael Maddigan from Five Clover Films, a production company in Detroit. The night ends with *Starlet*, a mockumentary about Estella Cellest, the silent film era starlet who mysteriously disappeared from the pages of history. After this young country girl stepped off the train in Hollywood, she embraced a world of decadence, opulence and sin with rumors of Satanism, orgies and murder.

The principal cast and crew of *Starlet* includes Jamie Sonderman (Director), Allison Patterson (Estella Cellest), Caleb Gilbert (Narrator), Tom and Jennifer Smith (Producers) and Liz Moore (Costume Design).

“My early movies were all about entertaining myself,” says Sonderman. “I made lots of weird, conceptual things that no one but me ever got. *Starlet* was the bridge between my early movies into the world of making movies for everyone to see. With *Starlet* I realized that art, specifically movies, is a form of communication. There is a language associated with movies. I started on the journey to mastering that language.”

Previously, Sonderman won first place in the Visions of U.S. video competition, sponsored by the American Film Institute, for his short film *The Empty Chair*. Francis Ford Coppola, Tim Allen and LeVar Burton judged the competition.

Pre-sale tickets for Episode 1 of *InZero*, *Starlet*, and *Caught* are \$10 and available at all Thought Collide events or by emailing Connie Mangilin at connie@thoughtcollide.com. If the premiere is not sold out, additional tickets will be available at the Main Art Theatre the day of the showing. *InZero* and *Starlet* are unrated and include references to sex and drug culture. *Caught* is also unrated.

The evening continues after the screening with an afterglow party at Memphis Smoke with live music from Ben Cyllus and The Salt Miners. There is a suggested door donation of \$5 for the afterglow party. 21+ welcome.

In addition to a casting call for actors, Thought Collide also has crew positions available for an on-set seamstress, costume designer, experienced editor, experienced grip, fight/stunt choreographer, special effects makeup artist, music supervisor and production assistants. Interested crew should bring a resume to the premiere on May 2.

The Mitten Movie Project is a filmmaking collective in Detroit that is dedicated to exhibiting the work of filmmakers in Michigan with monthly screenings on the first Tuesday of the month at the Main Art Theatre located at 118 N. Main St. in Royal Oak.

For more information about upcoming events, casting calls or submitting a film for the Mitten Movie Project, call 248. 346. 8449, email info@thoughtcollide.com or visit www.myspace.com/inzero.

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Note for reviewers: Contact Ed Gardiner at 248. 346. 8449 for a complimentary advance copy of Episode 1 of InZero.

Principal *InZero* Credits for Episode 1:

Jamie Sonderman, Director (Detroit)
Mike Zawacki, Cinematography (Ypsilanti)
Ed Gardiner, Executive Producer (Detroit)
Connie Mangilin, Producer (Livonia)
Jamie Sonderman (Detroit), Mike Zawacki (Ann Arbor), Chad Schaffer (Northville), Screenwriters

Principal *InZero* Cast for Episode 1 (in alphabetical order):

Mare Costello, Marilee (Warren)
David Durham, Governor Winters (Garden City)
Caleb Gilbert, Cal (Canton)
PJ Jacokes, Chapman (Ferndale)
Vince Rasnick, Maddox (Ann Arbor)
Sonja Ribicki, Raimi (Roseville)
Stevie Robinson, Aras (Woodhaven)
Jonny Victor, Thames (Novi)

Music:

“I’m Not Coming Home”, theme song written and performed by Audra Kubat