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## **World-Wide Premier for *American Dresser* to be Held in Syracuse**

*Investments in Film Industry Pay Dividends in Local Economy*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – County Executive Joanie Mahoney joined writer/director Carmine Cangialosi to announce that Syracuse will host the world-wide premier of *American Dresser* on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Museum of Science and Technology (MOST).

County Executive Joanie Mahoney said, “We are honored and excited to host the world-wide premier of *American Dresser* right here in Syracuse. Our community proudly opened its doors to host the cast and crew during filming and I am grateful for their support.” Mahoney continued, “Hollywood has come to Onondaga. As with any investment, it takes time, patience and diligence, but we are now seeing the benefits and for Central New York to host a world-wide premier is proof positive that those investments are paying off.”

*American Dresser* was the first movie filmed at the Greater Syracuse Sound Stage and stars Tom Berenger (John Moore) and Keith David (Charlie) among others. Set to the music of Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Billy F. Gibbons and country rocker Tim Montana, the film is about a Vietnam Veteran, played by Berenger, who recently lost his wife and is estranged from his adult daughters.

Moore discovers a longtime secret his wife kept for years which results in him deciding to address his past mistakes and fulfill a lifelong dream. Moore proceeds to fix up his *American Dresser* motorcycle and head out on a cross-country road trip with his best friend, Charlie. Together, on the open road, they learn what life is all about “one mile at a time.”

“It was great to shoot American Dresser in Syracuse and I look forward to sharing it with everyone that helped make it happen,” said Director Carmine Cangialosi. “The future of filmmaking in Central New York is ready to take off and I hope to be back soon myself.”

Several local businesses, including The York and the Jefferson Clinton, benefited from the increased activity thanks to American Dresser being filmed here in Central New York.

Lee Bordonaro of The York said, “The York is extremely excited to be a part of the American Dresser Premiere event, as well as to have been able to host the cast and crew as guests while they filmed the movie here. It's wonderful to have them back in town, along with the other production teams that frequent the restaurant. The film industry has had a very positive impact on our business and we are looking forward to growing our relationship with their community as they continue to come into Syracuse to shoot.”

“Hosting the cast of American Dresser was a great experience for the Jefferson Clinton Hotel and also beneficial for the locally owned businesses of Syracuse’s Armory Square; which were frequented by them,” said Jefferson Clinton Hotel General Manager Stephenie Pyle. “We were honored to have such great talent among us, investing in our community. We look forward to seeing the Central New York area on the silver screen.” Pyle added, “It was truly refreshing to see how approachable everyone was. From the film makers to the celebrity cast, they all seemed to feel right at home and welcomed our staff into their circle,”

American Dresser was shot in August and September of 2015 at over 10 locations in and around Central NY, including the Greater Syracuse Soundstage and the NYS Fairgrounds. A number of local crew and talent were hired on this film which helped to jumpstart our film industry workforce in the region. Numerous local vendors, caterers, restaurants, bars and hotels benefited greatly from the production team being in town.

[American Dresser Trailer](#)

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