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***PEARL* A NEW FEATURE FILM FROM WRITER/DIRECTOR BOBBY ROTH IS SET FOR DIGITAL RELEASE AUGUST 11**

***Pearl* Marks Roth's Return To His Independent
Filmmaking Roots**

Acclaimed director/writer/producer Bobby Roth has returned to the independent feature film arena with his new personal film, *Pearl* after directing numerous episodes of successful television shows such as *Prison Break*, *Lost*, *Grey's Anatomy*, *Marvel's Agents of Shield*, *Criminal Minds*, and many more.

Pearl makes a powerful statement about a family torn apart by gun violence. *Pearl* is a young girl whose adoring mother is suddenly taken from her leaving her to a father she has never known, a fellow ill-equipped to parent but with a surprising capacity for love.

Pearl stars Anthony LaPaglia (*Without a Trace*), Sarah Carter (*Smallville*), Nestor Carbonell (*Lost*), J August Richards (*Marvel's Agents of Shield*), Ming-Na Wen (*Marvel's Agents of Shield*), Barbara Williams (*Jack the Dog*), Bruce Davison (*X-Men*) and introducing Larsen Thompson in the title role of *Pearl*. Roth has a long-standing collaboration with his cast except for Thompson, a successful dancer and model who makes her dramatic acting debut in *Pearl*.

Roth also included key collaborators in all areas of the production, notably longtime producing partner Jeffrey White, as well as a crew that was a mix of veterans from his extensive film and television work such as John Bartley (Cinematographer) and Emily Katz (Key Makeup) from *Lost*, Genevieve Tyrrell (Costume Designer) from *Player*, and Vaughan Edwards Production Designer from *MacGyver*.

Pearl also afforded Roth the opportunity to work with a new generation of filmmakers like Cinematographer, Chris Burns, the son of Steve Burns, Roth's longtime DP from *Manhood* and *Berkeley*.

Music plays an important role in *Pearl* and allowed Roth to once again work with composer Paul Haslinger of Tangerine Dream. They had previously worked together on Roth's film *The Man Inside*. *Pearl* also includes original songs from Patti Scialfa, Kari Kimmel, and Tom Morello; all veterans of Roth's previous films.

Writer/Director/Producer Bobby Roth has worked in film and television for the last four decades. He is best known for *The Boss' Son*, *Heartbreakers*, *Jack the Dog*, *Manhood* and *Berkeley*. Roth has been a Sundance participant five times and served on the Sundance Festival's jury in 1985.

In addition to his extensive feature film career he has directed over one hundred episodes of network television and twenty-two television movies.

Roth has traveled the world showcasing his award-winning documentary *A Director Prepares: Bobby Roth's Masterclass* and for the last ten years has been an Adjunct Professor at Pasadena's Art Center College of Design.

Pearl is presented by Jung N Restless. It is a Bobby Roth film and a Jeffrey White Production. Executive producers are Vincent Michaud, Bill Johnson, Jack Baran, Gary Fleder and Smitty Smith. The film is produced by Jeffrey White and Bobby Roth. The music is by Paul Haslinger. Chris Burns is the director of photography. *Pearl* is written and directed by Bobby Roth.
