

# Production Of 'Schmoolie The Deathwatcher' Wraps In Los Angeles

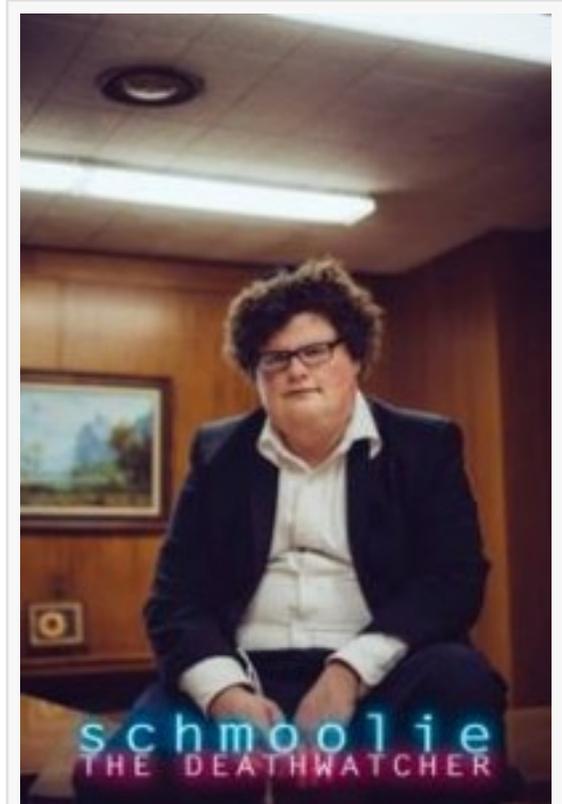
*Jesse Heiman's First Starring Role As An Awkward Orthodox Jewish Teen Who Finds Himself Fighting for His Life While Honoring His Faith*

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- After a week of shooting, the dark comedy starring one of Hollywood's most familiar's faces is complete and ready for postproduction.

Schmoolie the Deathwatcher is the darkly hilarious short film about Schmoolie Lazar, an Orthodox Jewish Teen, who spends his first night acting as Shomerim guarding a body awaiting burial at a local mortuary and ends up fighting for his own life when two henchmen break in, in order to hide the body of a murder victim. It's the living that give the starring character a night he'll never forget when he spoils what they thought would be the perfect crime.

Schmoolie is played by one of the most familiar faces in TV and film, [Jesse Heiman](#). He has appeared in countless films, TV shows, commercials and music videos. His first major role came in American Pie 2. He has also guest starred on Navy NCIS and Entourage among countless others. Jesse Heiman is repped by Brianna Ancel of Clear Talent Group.



Jesse Heiman as Schmoolie The Deathwatcher

The production team consists of some of the freshest talent in the industry today.

Theresa Gallagher is the writer and executive producer of Schmoolie the Deathwatcher. She is also an actress and alumni of The American Academy of Dramatic Arts West as well as The Coronet Theatre's Playwright's Kitchen Ensemble. Before this project, Theresa wrote, starred and produced the original comedies: Bitches Brew at the Lillian Theatre, Phrases of Validation in Hollywood at The Red Room (NYC) and the critically acclaimed modern farce "Feeding The Monkey in Hollywood" at Gardner Stages.

Theresa is currently developing two episodic comedies: "Honey and Clover" and "Dirty Laundry" with comedian Jackie Monahan.

Michael Ray Escamilla is an award-winning director, writer, actor and producer based in Los Angeles. He has collaborated with playwrights and screenwriters like Jose Rivera (Motorcycle Diaries) Craig Wright (Six Feet Under, LOST, Dirty Sexy Money and many others. His TV credits include Law and Order (CI and SVU), The Job (Dennis Leary), Cold Case, Dexter, CSI Miami among others. He is repped by BRS/Gage Talent Agency

Diane C. Zollicoffer began her career in the theatre in NY and Washington, DC. In 2011-2012, she produced "Innocent Flesh" in Los Angeles as well as off-Broadway. It was nominated for two NAACP 2013 Theater Awards. Diana currently has in development "Starting Backwards" a multi-cultural romantic comedy.

Director of Photography, Bo Bilstrup has been nominated for an Emmy, a BAFTA and a Kodak award. His latest film, Nuummioq was praised in both Variety and Hollywood Reporter during the 2010 Sundance screenings. That film was also shortlisted for Oscar 2011. His work is in huge demand so he finds himself commuting between LA, Copenhagen and London to work on his numerous projects.

The production team also includes Executive Producer, Raymond Watt and Co-Producers Najeeb Khuda and Andrew Joustra of Endless Media.

Schmoolie the Deathwatcher will be submitted to Sundance as well as a half dozen other film festivals later this year and in 2015.

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