



## CLINT EASTWOOD TO COMPOSE SCORE FOR HART-LUNSFORD PICTURES' FILM, "GRACE IS GONE"

(LOUISVILLE, Ky.) - Bluegrass-based producer Hart-Lunsford Pictures is pleased to announce that Academy award-winning filmmaker Clint Eastwood ("Letters From Iwo Jima," "Million Dollar Baby") will compose the score for the highly anticipated film it executive produced, "Grace is Gone," starring John Cusack, Alessandro Nivola, Shelan O'Keefe and Gracie Bednarczyk. Produced by Plum Pictures and written and directed by James Strouse ("Lonesome Jim"), "Grace Is Gone" will be released in theaters nationwide by The Weinstein Company (TWC) on October 5, 2007. The news was made public last week by TWC co-chairman Harvey Weinstein.



Eastwood has long had a passion for music and composed the score for many of his films, including "Flags of Our Fathers," "Million Dollar Baby," "Mystic River" and "Space Cowboys." "Grace Is Gone" is the first feature film for which Eastwood will compose that he did not produce.

Weinstein noted, "For years, Clint Eastwood has been composing some of the most dynamic and powerful film scores and we are honored that he is bringing this unparalleled talent to 'Grace is Gone.' His unique understanding of the power of music and how it can impact a film will inspire audiences and is a beautiful companion to James Strouse's touching story."

### **About Grace is Gone**

There was a time when Stanley Phillips (Cusack) could picture his future clearly. He dreamed of patriotic service and was destined for a military career. He came close to that dream - until it was cut short because of his poor eyesight. Now he's serving customers at a home supply store while his sergeant wife is fighting in Iraq.

Equally awkward at home and at work, Stanley is left to raise Heidi, their 12-year-old daughter, and her eight-year-old sister Dawn. Although a loving father, Stanley is unable to conform to a more affectionate role, and the girls miss their mother deeply.

While just tolerating his job and stumbling through parenting, Stanley is abruptly awakened when tragedy strikes. Ill prepared to deal with events himself, he's at a total loss as to how to break the news to his children. Desperate to delay telling them, he sweeps them up for a spontaneous road trip. Grasping to give the girls their last moments of innocence, Stanley ultimately reveals his softer side as they travel to Dawn's chosen destination, Enchanted Gardens Theme Park.

The farther the family drives, the closer they become -- yet Stanley knows he must face the inevitable task of changing their lives forever.



"Grace is Gone" was produced by Plum Pictures and New Crime Productions, and financed by Plum and Hart-Lunsford Pictures. The film had its world premiere last January at the prestigious Sundance Film Festival, where it won the popular Audience Award in the dramatic competition, and writer/director Strouse took home the Waldo Salt award for excellence in screenwriting.

The popularity of "Grace," which screened early at Sundance to ever-increasing audiences and a standing ovation - set off late-night bidding wars between some well-known distributors of independent films. Brothers Harvey and Bob Weinstein, formerly of Miramax fame, finally acquired both "Grace" and Hart-Lunsford Pictures' romantic comedy, "Dedication," which is scheduled for release on August 24.

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#### About Hart-Lunsford Pictures

Hart-Lunsford Pictures is a fully financed production company based in Louisville, Ky., which has partnered with Plum Pictures of New York City to executive produce four feature films, with two more now in pre-production. Established in 2004, the company is financed by Louisville entrepreneurs Ed Hart and Bruce Lunsford, both of whom have extensive backgrounds in the entertainment industry (Mr. Hart in the theme park business and Mr. Lunsford in thoroughbred racing) and both of whom are among Louisville's foremost businesspersons. Visit [www.hlpictures.com](http://www.hlpictures.com)

#### About Plum Pictures

Plum Pictures was founded in 2003 by Galt Niederhoffer, Celine Rattray and Daniela Taplin Lundberg to produce intelligent and heartfelt feature films. Based in downtown Manhattan, the company produces two to three films a year, with a focus on both studio and independent films. The company also finances up to two films a year. Visit [www.plumpic.com](http://www.plumpic.com)

#### Photo caption:

Stanley Phillips (John Cusack) on road trip to amusement park with his on-screen daughters (Shelan O'Keefe, Gracie Bednarczyk) in "Grace Is Gone"