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Brooklyn Ties New Jersey and Seattle Together In New Short Film

BROOKLYN, NY, November 2, 2009—The setting may be New Jersey and the story may concern a musician’s goal of reaching Seattle, but it’s Brooklyn that brings it all together. A new short film, *Before We Get to Seattle* was written, produced and filmed in Brooklyn and has many ties to local neighborhoods including Kensington, Bay Ridge, Park Slope and Fort Greene.

“You could call it a coming of age story, but I personally never liked that term.” April Mosqus, who co-wrote and directed the film with her award-winning filmmaker partner Adam Linn, explains. “It came from a feature-length script I wrote called *Heartbreaker*.” The short film follows the same premise, set in the 1990s and featuring a character trying to leave New Jersey to go to Seattle at the height of the grunge era to start a band.

Linn says the film is about how goals in life interplay with friendships. “It’s about saying goodbye, how relationships change and how aspects of them continue.”

The film’s characters include Chloe, played by Park Slope resident Claire Buckingham; Michelle, played by Manhattan resident Claire Natale and Leo, played by Bay Ridge resident John Cappelli. The film was shot at two Brooklyn locations including a former high school in Greene Point and the 24 Hour Prospect Park Deli at Prospect Park West and 16th Street in Park Slope.

The film is currently undergoing sound editing. Additional funding is needed to secure the rights to several songs that will be used in the film. Music is also being composed by Brooklyn musician Matt Wrobel. Once completed, Mosqus and Linn say the work begins approaching film festivals and securing showings around the country.

While the short film is in itself a project, Mosqus says the project is also a way to generate interest creating a feature-length film for her script *Heartbreaker*. Anyone interested in supporting the film or following progress can visit the web site www.indiegogo.com/Before-We-Get-To-Seattle or follow on Facebook at www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=116091242180.