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***Before We Get to Seattle* Star Got Her Start in Irving**

BROOKLYN, NY, November 3, 2009—Irving native Claire Buckingham plays a leading role in a new short film recently shot and produced in Brooklyn. Set in New Jersey, *Before We Get to Seattle* is built around Buckingham's character Chloe, her friend Michelle (played by Claire Natale) and Chloe's desire to head to Seattle at the height of the Grunge movement. In addition, Brooklyn native, John Cappelli plays the loudmouth antagonist Leo.

Buckingham, who now lives in the Brooklyn neighborhood of Park Slope, graduated from the Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts.

"It's a coming of age story about a couple of tough working class girls. It's set in the 90's to a classic grunge rock soundtrack," says April Mosqus who co-wrote and directed *Before We Get to Seattle* with her partner Adam Linn— who wrote and directed the award-winning short, "Smell The Light."

Mosqus and Linn are going to use the short as a vehicle to promote their feature film project, "Heartbreaker," which expands on the story of Chloe and Michelle and also rocks out to 90's grunge.

The film was shot at two Brooklyn locations including a former high school in Greene Point and the 24-Hour Prospect Park Deli in the Park Slope neighborhood.

Before We get to Seattle is currently undergoing sound editing. Additional funding is needed to secure the rights to several songs that will be used in the film. A grunge influenced guitar solo is being composed and performed by Brooklyn musician Matt Wrobel. Once completed, Mosqus and Linn say the work begins approaching film festivals and securing showings around the country.

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. The producers are also currently looking for screening locations in Erie and elsewhere.



Claire Buckingham (Right), Claire Natale (Left) "Old Friends, New Problems" Photo by Sasha Maslov