

**\*\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\*\***

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**Portland Premier Mark Webber's Directorial Debut EXPLICIT ILLS  
to Benefit Sisters Of The Road**

April 8, 2009 Portland, Oregon – Living Room Theaters will generously support the 30-year-old non-profit cafe and community organizing leader Sisters Of The Road with a Portland Premier of EXPLICIT ILLS, the new movie by actor turned director Mark Webber. The benefit premier will take place Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the downtown Portland Living Room Theaters located at SW 10<sup>th</sup> and Stark. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling 503-222-5694 ext. 10. Only 50 tickets are available for this intimate theater showing.

EXPLICIT ILLS is actor turned director, Mark Webber's directorial debut. The film follows four inter-connecting stories revolving around love, drugs and poverty in Philadelphia. Babo, an asthma ridden seven-year-old lives with his mother in the badlands of North Philly. His neighbor Demetri transforms himself into a well-read "smart" boy in order to get the girl. Michelle, a well-off art student is quick to fall into a drug induced love-affair with her dealer Jacob. Kaleef and Jill's marriage is strained as they pursue their dreams of bringing "produce to the people" as their teenage son Heslin focuses on competing in the World's Strongest Man competition. The lyrical and moving drama finds its core as all members come together in their fight for justice and self-discovery.

Sisters Of The Road's non-profit cafe is the heart and flagship of the organization. Located at 133 NW Sixth Ave., Sisters is open to everyone and serve low cost (\$1.25), hot, nutritious meals that can be purchased in a variety of ways, including with cash, food stamps, or in exchange for work. Sisters' purpose is to build authentic relationships and cross-class community to create real and lasting change through community organizing and working on long and short term solutions that address root level causes of poverty and homelessness locally, regionally and nationally.

Since 1979, the original goals of Sisters have remained unchanged:

- To be a safe, public place for everyone, especially women and children
- To offer nourishing meals at little cost or in exchange for labor
- To offer employment experience to local residents - individuals experiencing homelessness and extreme poverty in our community.

For more information go to: [www.sistersoftheroad.org](http://www.sistersoftheroad.org) or [www.explicitillsthemovie.com](http://www.explicitillsthemovie.com)

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\*\*\*\*30 second Radio PSA\*\*\*\*

On Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> Living Room Theaters will generously support local non-profit Sisters Of The Road with a Portland Premier of the movie EXPLICIT ILLS. Sisters Of The Road is a 30-year-old non-profit cafe and community organizing leader working on ending homelessness and poverty locally, regionally and nationally. The film follows four inter-connecting stories revolving around love, drugs and poverty in Philadelphia. The benefit premier will take place Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the downtown theater located at SW 10<sup>th</sup> and Stark. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling 503-222-5694 ext. 10. For more information go to [www.sistersoftheroad.org](http://www.sistersoftheroad.org).