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## **AWARD-WINNING SERVICE ME! SHORT FILM AT THE DURANGO INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL**

DURANGO, COLORADO (February 14, 2024) - Award winning writer/director/producer Tom Cavanaugh will show his short film, SERVICE ME as part of the 2024 Durango Independent Film Festival. A three-minute screwball, comedy about a woman that pulls into a gas station and asks the attendant to get her a pregnancy test. Gas jockey and the estranged woman end up bantering about life and the situation until they find common ground and bond on how to help the woman who has been abandoned by her "baby's daddy"!

SERVICE ME has shown in over twelve film festivals and has won several awards including Best Relationship Short at the Silicon Beach Film Festival in Hollywood, Best North American Short Film at the New York Independent Cinema Awards and Best Short Short at the New York Long Island Film Festival.

Tom Cavanaugh received his M.F.A. in playwriting from the Actors Studio Drama School, NY in 2000. Tom's full-length play, BEHOLD was a 2010 finalist in the New American Playwrights Program at Utah Shakespearean Festival and won a 2011 Pickering Award for Excellence in Playwriting. In 2018, Theatre of Action in Los Angeles and their Plays About Immigration listed Tom's short play, COYOTE. Tom won the Artists & Playwright Festival at The Know Theatre in Binghamton, NY in 2018 with his short play, ROCKS ON THE PLAYA. Cavanaugh's "Passion Project through the Pandemic" NOW NOW NOW... a Zoom Show captured performances from 19 actors in their homes from Los Angeles to New York, was nominated for a 2021 Maverick Movie Award in London, England, won Best Livestream Show at the Big Sky Fringe Festival in Montana, and Best National Show at the Pittsburgh Fringe Festival in Pennsylvania!

Tom is a member of The Actors Gym, Naked Angels NY, New Ambassador's Theatre Company in New York and We Make Movies in Los Angeles. Cavanaugh has been chosen several times for the National Playwrights Symposium at Cape May Stages in New Jersey and the Playlab at the William Inge Theatre Festival in Independence, Kansas. Tom has been a member of the Dramatist Guild of America since 1998.

SERVICE ME was developed through the Manhattan Film Institute under the guidance of Tony Spiridakis (Ezra, Inappropriate Behavior, Queens Logic) and in workshop at The Actors Gym in New York City under the guidance of Bobby Moresco (Crash, Lamborghini the Man), The project was then produced by Spiridakis and the Manhattan Film Institute in their Summer Filmmaking Program at Greenport, NY and in workshop at The Actors Gym in NYC & Los Angeles.

## **SERVICE ME!**

**Sunday, March 3rd at 5:30pm**

**Part of the UPS & DOWNS Short Program**

**Gaslight Twin Cinema**

**802 East 2nd Avenue**

**Durango, CO 81301**

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**[www.durangofilm.org](http://www.durangofilm.org)**

