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**Milwaukee Film Hosts Star-Studded, World Theatrical Premiere of  
SMALL TOWN WISCONSIN on June 3 at the Oriental Theatre**

*Director Niels Mueller, Executive Producer Alexander Payne, and stars Kristen Johnston, David Sullivan, Bill Heck, Tanya Fischer and Cooper J. Friedman to attend*

**Milwaukee, WI - May 03, 2022** - As the 14th Annual Milwaukee Film Festival, presented by Associated Bank, comes to a close this Thursday, Milwaukee Film is excited to announce the world theatrical premiere of international film festival sensation, SMALL TOWN WISCONSIN at the Oriental Theatre on Friday, June 3, 2022.

SMALL TOWN WISCONSIN has garnered more than 20 Best Picture awards at film festivals around the world, including a wildly popular run at the 2020 virtual Milwaukee Film Festival. The film will have a star-studded theatrical premiere at Milwaukee Film's iconic Oriental Theatre on Friday, June 3, at 7:30pm (presented by Associated Bank), followed by an exclusive week-long theatrical run. Newly acquired by Quiver Distribution, the film will be released on demand and in theaters on June 10, 2022.

A full lineup of cast and crew are slated to attend the premiere including: director & Milwaukee native Niels Mueller (THE ASSASSINATION OF RICHARD NIXON); executive producer & Academy Award-winner Alexander Payne (SIDEWAYS); the film's stars David Sullivan (SHARP OBJECTS), Bill Heck (THE BALLAD OF BUSTER SCRUGGS), Emmy Award-winner and Milwaukee native Kristen Johnston (3RD ROCK FROM THE SUN, MOM), Tanya Fischer (LIFE ON MARS), and Cooper J. Friedman (911-LONESTAR); as well as a multitude of talented local cast and crew.

In SMALL TOWN WISCONSIN, after losing a custody battle, perpetual teenager Wayne Stobierski steals his son away for one last father-son weekend to the city of their dreams - Milwaukee, Wisconsin. What's supposed to be a light-hearted adventure transforms into a journey of profound redemption. [Watch the official trailer here.](#)

"We are thrilled to be partnering with the Quiver team who have become the gold standard of independent film distribution. They are as passionate as we are about SMALL TOWN WISCONSIN and getting it to audiences everywhere," said the filmmakers in a joint statement. "And it's a dream come

true to premiere the film on the big screen at the iconic Oriental Theatre in Milwaukee - one of the finest movie palaces in the country which happens to be in the city where the film was made!"

"It is such an honor to bring this film home to Milwaukee and celebrate it with the cast and crew at the glorious Oriental Theatre," effused Cara Ogburn, artistic director of Milwaukee Film. "This film has been widely celebrated at festivals around the world, loved by audiences and film festival organizers alike for its heartwarming and chuckle-worthy story that showcases Milwaukee at its best."

Tickets to the June 3rd premiere are on sale now: \$15 for the general public and \$12 for Milwaukee Film Members. To learn more and purchase tickets, please visit [mkefilm.org/oriental-theatre/events/small-town-wisconsin](http://mkefilm.org/oriental-theatre/events/small-town-wisconsin).

SMALL TOWN WISCONSIN is produced by Liu Hongtao, Scott K. Foley, Niels Mueller, and Josh Rosenberg, executive produced by Alexander Payne and Jinhua Yang. The film is written by Jason Naczek with cinematography by Emmy-nominated Nathaniel Goodman.

#### **About Milwaukee Film**

Milwaukee Film is a nonprofit arts organization dedicated to creating world class cinematic experiences that convene our diverse community and catalyze positive change in Milwaukee, with a vision to make Milwaukee Film the most dynamic, well-rounded film culture institution in America. The 14th annual Milwaukee Film Festival is being held April 21-May 5, 2022. For more information or to become a Member, visit [mkefilm.org](http://mkefilm.org).

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#### **About Cream City Films**

Cream City Films was founded by filmmakers Scott Foley, Josh Rosenberg and Niels Mueller with a spirit to tell intimately epic stories. Liu Hongtao's Mahua Funage Film Company has produced some of the biggest box office hits in China and around the world. SMALL TOWN WISCONSIN which Liu Hongtao produced together with Cream City Films is his first American production.

#### **About Quiver Distribution**

Quiver Distribution is a film production, acquisition and distribution company operating in the U.S., Canada and international markets focused on developing and distributing high-quality, talent-driven films. Founded by entertainment industry veterans Berry Meyerowitz and Jeff Sackman, Quiver Distribution focuses on curating a highly selective film slate from both established and emerging talent, allowing for distinctly tailored campaigns and a filmmaker first approach.

In 2020, Quiver acquired Kew Media Distribution's library of 1,000 titles. The company recently produced and will release Walter Hill's western DEAD FOR A DOLLAR with Christoph Waltz, Willem Dafoe, and Rachel Brosnahan and Neil LaBute's Out of the Blue with Diane Kruger, Ray Nicholson, Hank Azaria, and Chase Sui Wonders. Their next theatrical release will be Mayim Bialik's directorial debut As They Made Us, starring Dianna Agron, Simon Helberg, Dustin Hoffman, and Candice Bergen.