



**Horror-comedy short about a soda-obsessed student,
“Smiley’s” makes L.A. debut at Pasadena International Film Festival
Saturday, March 10**

WHAT: Writer and Director Mike James, an independent filmmaker based out of Indianapolis, is returning to Los Angeles to premiere his new short horror-comedy “Smiley’s,” a rural legend about a cursed vending machine and an obsessed college student named Mitch. Stressed out about an upcoming exam, Mitch and his study buddies take a break to cruise the countryside, leading to an unusual discovery: A mysterious soda machine stocked by a witch in the woods. After buying a “soda,” Mitch finds himself falling down a dark rabbit hole that he may never return from in this hair-raising, laugh-out-loud adventure.

WHEN & WHERE TO SEE IT: “Smiley’s” will be featured at the 5th annual Pasadena International Film Festival for a single screening on Saturday, March 10 at 8:20 p.m. at Laemmle's Playhouse 7, 673 E Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, Calif., 91101.

TICKETS: To purchase tickets, visit: <https://www.laemmle.com/films/43685>

ABOUT WRITER & DIRECTOR MIKE JAMES: James is known for his work as a contributor to the infamous internet comedy collective 5secondfilms.com, writer and co-star in the group’s feature debut “Dude Bro Party Massacre 3,” and his solo directorial feature debut, “Open Mic Night After The Apocalypse.”

MORE INFORMATION:

For more information about Smiley’s, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/smileysfilm/>
For more information about Mike James visit: <http://www.hey mikejames.com/>

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