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DC Shorts Film Festival Features Shorts FOR Families and BY Families

WASHINGTON, DC -- Excitement runs high in anticipation for the annual DC Shorts Film Festival, which runs September 8-18 in venues throughout DC as well as in Rosslyn, Virginia. Featuring 145 films from 23 countries, DC Shorts is the largest short film festival on the Eastern Seaboard.

One of the festival's most unique offerings is "**Heart Says It All**", a dark comedy directed by Emmy-Award-winning director David J. Eagle. Eagle drafted every member of his family to help with the production, "partially because they work cheap," he quips, "but mostly because we have a great time working together. I needed all their talents to tell this story."

"Heart Says It All" is a 5-minute exposé on what happens when you get on the wrong side of those chalky little candy hearts with the cute sayings on them, traditionally exchanged by lovers on Valentine's Day. Told sans dialogue, this is a tale of love gone wrong and the steps those innocent-looking confections will take in doling out sweet vengeance.

It's clear the Eagle family has filmmaking in their blood. David's wife, Nancy, is a senior executive at NBC/Universal. She acts as Executive Producer and helped with make-up, hair and wardrobe. David's 21-year-old daughter, Ali, stars in the film and his 17-year-old son, Jesse, is Director of Photography. Ali currently studies acting at NYU and Jesse will attend USC Film School for cinematography in the Fall. David's brother, Harry, is a professional composer who wrote and performed the musical score for the film. "Heart Says It All" also stars Matthew McCollum and was written by award-winning screenwriter James Tuverson.

Like all the shorts chosen for the film festival, "Heart Says It All" will screen at 3 different times during the 11-day event; check out <http://www.dcshorts.com/> for schedules and tickets.

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