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BOB BYINGTON'S AWARD-WINNING "HARMONY AND ME"
SPECIAL SCREENINGS IN ADVANCE OF L.A. RUN

Bob Byington's bone-dry comedy wrings unexpected laughter as it reinvents the break-up movie. His relationship with Jessica unceremoniously over, Austin hipster Harmony attempts to recover a life improbably less than the sum of its parts: an unrewarding job, a family devoid of warmth, and a circle of demonstratively indifferent friends. He drowns in the all-too-familiar state of romantic distress where each song of despair seems written just for him. In a series of comically deadpan episodes, Harmony repeatedly bottoms out before arriving at an unlikely turning point. His helpless flailing is as funny as it is sad, and his stumbling emergence from the abyss becomes surprisingly heroic.

Starring musician and established mumblecore actor Justin Rice (MUTUAL APPRECIATION, FUNNY HA HA, lead singer of Bishop Allen) as Harmony, the movie features deft and hilarious performances from Kevin Corrigan (BUFALLO '66, THE DEPARTED), Nick Offerman (PARKS & RECREATION) and Austin singer/songwriter Bob Schneider.

HARMONY AND ME will start its Los Angeles run with a sneak preview screening on **March 11, 2010** at the **James Bridges Theater in Melnitz Hall at UCLA**. Director Bob Byington will be in attendance for the screenings at the **Silent Movie Theater on March 23, 2010** and the **Hammer Museum at UCLA in the Billy Wilder Theater on March 24, 2010** before opening its engagement at the **Laemmle Sunset Five on March 26, 2010**.

HARMONY AND ME took shape under a prestigious Annenberg Fellowship from the Sundance Institute in 2008 and was the only US World Premiere at the prestigious 2009 New Directors/New Films Festival at Lincoln Center and the Museum of Modern Art. The film played the Edinburgh International Film Festival and the Los Angeles Film Festival among others and received the Audience Award at the Starz Denver Film Festival. Byington was recently awarded the Stanley Kubrick Award for "Bold and Innovative Filmmaking" at Michael Moore's Traverse City Film Festival.

"...unreasonably funny..." -Roger Ebert, The Chicago Sun-Times

"...no one in your circle is as dryly funny or spontaneously surreal as Harmony's nonsupport group." -Jeannette Catsoulis, The New York Times

"...a finely tuned comedy, complete with precisely scripted jokes and comic set pieces that swerve toward the playfully perverse." -Karina Longworth, Time Out New York

A Forlorn Penguin / Film Science production; Camera (color, HD), Jim Eastburn; music supervisor, Dominique Preyer; production designer, Yvonne Boudreaux; costume designer, Kim Ngo; sound, Keith Poulson; sound designer, Chris Keyland; editor, Frank Ross; Produced by Kristen Tucker. Executive producers, Anish Savjani, Stuart Bohart. Directed, written by Bob Byington. Running time: 75 MIN.

Starring: Justin Rice (Harmony), Kevin Corrigan (Carlos), Pat Healy (Matt), Kristen Tucker (Jessica), Bob Byington (Jim), Allison Latta (Natasha), Alex Karpovsky (Mean Man Mike) and Margie Beegle (Mom).

Stills, trailer and more info at www.harmonythemovie.com.

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