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**RISEN: THE HOWARD WINSTONE PHENOMENON**

**HOWARD WINSTONE IS ON HIS WAY TO CANNES!**

Merthyr born director Neil Jones will have his short film about the legendary boxer Howard Winstone, at the International Cannes Film Festival next week! The short film entitles 'The Fifteenth' will be screening out of competition at the festival, but has already received a number of interested parties emailing him to find out more.

When asked how it felt to have his short shown at the most prestigious film festival in the world Neil was in high spirits "it's a wonderful feeling, you work so hard when doing a project like this, to actually know it's going to be seen by some of the most high profile names in the business makes it all seem worthwhile. We've had great feedback on the film, and it's selling well on the website ([www.howardwinstone.com](http://www.howardwinstone.com)) so we're all very proud of it.

Neil won't be attending the festival however, he's left that up to the film's star Stuart Brennan. "Stuart is who everyone wants to talk to, and I'm happy to not get too caught up in all the press side of things, obviously I want the film to do well, but Stuart is the centre of attention, and he deserves it, his performance is phenomenal – I can't wait to see what he does for the feature version this summer, it's going to be electric!"

Stuart will also be promoting another feature film that he's worked on with Neil recently called 'The Lost'. Stuart has great faith in the project "it's a great story, Howard Winstone was, is, and always will be a huge part of boxing and Welsh history. To portray a character like this is a huge privilege, and one that I don't take lightly. I'm constantly training, either here in Cardiff, or Pontyclun with my trainer Don James, and also up in Merthyr."

The feature film version, 'Risen' is really gaining momentum and when filming commences this summer, will bring attention from all around the world to the Welsh capital and it's surrounding areas, which will in turn bring a significant boost to the local economy. For now though, it's off to France and parties with the stars!

Jodie Jones

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