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Starline to premier documentary on Montvale murder

Starline Films will premier "Harry...A Communication Breakdown," a powerful documentary about the horrific Thanksgiving weekend murder of a Montvale family.

The documentary, narrated by Academy Award-nominated actor Danny Aiello, will be featured during a red-carpet, screening event and fund-raiser on Nov. 26, at Bergen County's Chakra Restaurant, W 144 Route 4 (Eastbound), Paramus.

Celebrity arrivals begin at 6:30 p.m. and tickets are \$150 per person, with proceeds to benefit NJCAP, New Jersey Child Assault Prevention (www.njcap.org). Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling Starline Films at (201) 818-STAR, ext. 202, or online at www.starlinefilms.com.

"Harry... A Communication

Breakdown" was created as part of a larger Starline project, a feature film called "Anyone's Son," which focuses on the 1976 De La Roche murder case. "Anyone's Son" is based on a book of the same name written by Roberta Roesch of Westwood. Aiello will mark his directorial debut as well as co-star in the feature film.

"The story warrants being told and is timely considering that similar incidents have compounded this international epidemic, such as the recent shootings at Virginia Tech," said Starline actor and producer Jon Doscher. "Harry, in fact, could be Anyone's Son. We all know that everyone has a breaking point which can be avoided with the proper counseling and care from family and friends."

The documentary, written,

produced and directed by Jon Doscher and Fran Ganguzza, and the feature film revolve around Harry De La Roche Jr. He was convicted on four counts of first-degree murder in the 1976 Thanksgiving holiday deaths of his father, mother and two younger brothers at their Montvale home. De La Roche graduated from Pascack Hills High School in June 1976 and is currently serving out a life sentence at the South Woods State Prison in Bridgeton, N.J. Doscher and Ganguzza attended the same high school as De La Roche.

Jon Doscher always remembered wanting to know more about the 1976 Thanksgiving De La Roche murders that shook the normally quiet, suburban Pascack Hills High School in Montvale. After forming Starline Films in

Upper Saddle River, Doscher became passionate about telling the story of Harry De La Roche Jr., convicted of murdering his entire family.

"I was intrigued by the mystique and inconsistencies of what may have happened. I also find true stories to be very compelling. After researching the facts and details of the case, I realized there were several loopholes and unanswered questions," Doscher said. "I reached out to Roberta Roesch, author of the book on Harry and the murder: 'Anyone's Son.' Once she realized that I was passionate about conveying her message onto the screen, she soon developed a trust in me and our relationship grew."

Parts of the documentary were filmed in the Pascack Valley, Doscher says.

"Pascack Hills High School and the faculty have supported us from the very beginning, as well as other local commerce and businesses. We filmed portions of the documentary up at the high school and we have plans to film scenes for the feature there as well. It has been a thrill for me to re-connect with my former drama teacher, Phil Bernardi, again and my former football coach, Glenn De Marrais."

Also included in the film will be an in-person interview that Doscher conducted with De La Roche.

"I originally wrote to Harry a

few years ago and he wrote me back from prison," Doscher says. "We eventually met in person for a 90-minute on-camera interview, which portions of will be included in the documentary."

For the feature film "Anyone's Son," Doscher announced that Starline Films is in negotiations with Academy Award-nominated actor Sharon Stone; Oscar winner Philip Seymour Hoffman, and Gary Oldman. Starline has signed actor Michael Madsen for the role of Montvale Police Detective Mike O'Donovan.

The premier will feature celebrities, special presentations, and a silent auction, with guests enjoying Chakra's luxurious ambiance.

Starline, a motion picture production and distribution company, is also working on another feature film, "4Chosen," about four young basketball players shot by two New Jersey State Troopers in 1998 while heading to a college basketball camp on the New Jersey Turnpike.

Doscher and Kevin Leckner, Starline's president and executive producer, first joined forces in 1997 to build a magazine publishing business. Doscher then formed Starline Films in June of 2004 and soon after Kevin Leckner joined him.

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