



### For Immediate Release

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### 2013 Screening dates:

January 13th - Los Angeles Cinema Festival of Hollywood, CA  
January 30th- February 3rd - Jaipur International Film Festival, India  
February 14th-17th - Beloit International Film Festival, WI  
February 23rd to March 3rd - Sedona International Film Festival, AZ  
February 27th to March 3rd - Durango Independent Film Festival, CO  
March 7th-9th - Women in Media Festival- Newark, NJ  
March 21st - 26th - Los Angeles Women's International Film Festival, CA  
April 5th-12th - SOHO International Film Festival NYC

***Stalled*** is a fifteen minute short film that was created solely using real life quotations found in bathroom stalls across the continent. Bathroom graffiti was collected for over three years, and while there were several humorous quotations, there were countless pleas for help. The pleas are what make up this short film. Several themes naturally emerged, a narrative was established, and distinct characters were then created out of the honesty of hundreds of people around the world.

The story of ***Stalled*** centers on THE JANITOR, a woman in her seventies. She has been cleaning the same washroom for years, and today is no exception to that routine. As she cleans each stall, she becomes the woman in the stall who wrote the words on the wall. LOUISA is struggling with an eating disorder. GRACE is a heroin addict. LAURA has a baby growing in side her that she knows she can't take care of, and CLAIRE is dealing with a cutting addiction, fueled by the dramas of high school. Each is dealing with these particular issues, and they speak to the trials and tribulations of their individual struggle with gut-wrenching honesty. Each character is set in a different era, not only for aesthetic and creative reasons, but also to show that the issues addressed in this film have been plaguing women for decades. When the JANITOR has finished cleaning all the stalls, she notices one that wasn't there before. When she enters the pristinely clean stall, she realizes it is her turn to speak.

**Shannon Kohli** directs and shoots this heartbreakingly truthful film, and **Meghan Gardiner** plays all the characters, greatly assisted by **Doug Morrow's** outstanding makeup design.

***Stalled*** had it's world premiere in November 2012 at the SOUQ film festival in Milan, winning the Audience Choice Award. It also won Best Experimental Short, as well as Best Actress at the Los Angeles Cinema Festival of Hollywood. In the next few months it will visit India for the Jaipur International Film Festival, New Jersey for the Women in Media festival, Colorado for the Durango Independent Film Festival, Wisconsin for the Beloit International Film Festival and Arizona for the Sedona International Film Festival. ***Stalled*** is also available for school presentations, complete with either Meghan or Shannon in attendance. Contact the above addresses for more information.