

Gross Returns in Gunless

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(May 28, 2009 – Toronto, Ontario) -- **Paul Gross** will play the role of The Montana Kid, a notorious American gunslinger, and Sienna Guillory will be his love interest in *Gunless*, a new Western Comedy written and directed by William Phillips. Principal photography began May 20th on location in Osoyoos, British Columbia.

When notorious American gunslinger, The Montana Kid, staggers into the tiny Canadian hamlet of Barclay's Brush, life for the town's 17 inhabitants is about to get exciting. The Kid immediately gets into an unfortunate altercation with Jack, the town's surly blacksmith, which leads to the The Kid 'calling him out' for some good old frontier justice - a showdown. But in a place totally ill prepared to deal with a classic gun fight and without a single working pistol to be found, adhering to the code of the American Wild West may prove difficult.

Not able to let go of the 'code', The Kid remains stuck in Barclay's Brush, getting drawn into a strange world of eccentric rituals and characters; among them Jane, a smart sassy woman who becomes his only hope of finding a way out... or perhaps his only reason for staying...

Following the unprecedented success of his film *Passchendaele*, which he wrote, produced, directed and starred in, [Paul Gross](#) returns to feature film, this time as lead actor. One of Canada's most popular and recognizable stars from such hits as *Men with Brooms*, and the TV series, *Due South* and *Slings & Arrows*, Gross joins the cast of *Gunless* having just completed the pilot for *Eastwick*, a television series based on the movie *The Witches of*



Eastwick. Gross stars opposite Rebecca Romijn, playing Jack Nicholson's character, the Devil. *Eastwick* has been picked up by ABC, and will air next season.

Sienna Guillory has been seen on screen most recently with [Brendan Fraser](#) in *Inkheart*. The cast of *Gunless* also includes [Dustin Milligan](#) as Corporal Jonathan Kent, a zealous junior N.W.M.P. officer; Tyler Mane as Jack; and [Callum Keith Rennie](#) as Ben Cutler, a ruthless posse leader hunting down The Kid.

The village of Barclay's Brush has been brought to life in an outlying desert area just outside Osoyoos, British Columbia. Director William Phillips teamed with Production Designer Matthew Budgeon to realize his vision of an 1890's Western town, forging dirt roads and erecting a dozen buildings from scratch. The Director of Photography is Greg Middleton, who worked previously worked with Paul Gross to capture the battlefields of WWI for *Passchendaele*.

Phillips commented upon start of production, "I'm extraordinarily fortunate to be making *Gunless*, not only because is it a full blown western set in Canada, but also because of the exceptional team we have assembled. From the award-winning cinematography of Greg Middleton, to the beautifully realized pioneer set designed by Matthew Budgeon, I know we are making a western with a scope which is more than worthy of the genre. Add to this the brilliance of our leads, Paul Gross and Sienna Guillory, I am seeing this production come to life in ways that far exceeded my wildest expectations."

Gunless is produced by Niv Fichman of Rhombus Media and Stephen Hegyes and Shawn Williamson of Brightlight Pictures. Alliance Films is scheduled to release the film across Canada in the Spring of 2010.