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Visionary Writer/Director Takes on Health Care Crisis in Her First Feature Documentary to Premiere at LA Artist Film Festival

**With Borrowed Camera, Frequent Flyer Miles, a Shoestring Budget and
Generous Grassroots Support, Filmmaker Tells Intensely Personal Story
That Humanizes Working Americans Without Health Insurance**

The new first-time feature documentary, "Bloodletting: Life, Death, Healthcare," by writer/director Lorna Green was selected for the prestigious LA Artist Film Festival at the Egyptian Theatre in Los Angeles where it will premiere on April 23 at 2:15 p.m.

The one-hour documentary is a moving drama featuring two regular people, working everyday jobs, who find themselves caught in a downward spiral because of preventable health issues, all because they lack health insurance. Comparing the U.S. health care system to Cuba's system, where health care is guaranteed for all, the film is also a tale of the two countries, one rich, one poor. It asks the question, 'What health care system takes better care of its citizens?'

With the film, Bronx-born writer/director Lorna Green makes her feature documentary debut. With a borrowed camera, frequent flyer miles, and a shoestring budget, the filmmaker originally set out to make a documentary about an international delegation of health care professionals traveling to Cuba. Returning to the U.S. to edit her footage, the story turned intensely personal when her mother and brother, both working but uninsured, were thrown into pain both physical and financial by mounting health problems.

Green began to weave her family's compelling narrative with the footage she brought from Cuba. Her vision for the documentary, which sensitively exposes and humanizes the problems of working without health insurance in the U.S., attracted significant grassroots support and inspired house parties to raise funds to complete the film.

The documentary has excited leaders of the movement to win access to quality health care for all Americans. Says Andrew L. Stern, president of the 1.8 million-member Service Employees International Union (SEIU), "More than 45 million Americans like the Greens are forced to choose between financial crisis or their health. It's a choice that not one of us should ever have to make. If you're not already an activist in the fight for quality, affordable health care for all, this film will inspire you to sign up."

Copies of the one-hour documentary for screening purposes, publicity stills of the film and writer/director Green are available by contacting Nicole Moore, (323) 309-1046 or nicomo@sbcglobal.net.

For more information about the film, visit the director's website at www.lornagreen.org.

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