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**UPCOMING FEATURE FILM TO RAISE AWARENESS OF EATING DISORDERS AND HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR CHARITY**

**Vancouver November 1, 2011** - Looking Glass Foundation For Eating Disorders is behind Canadian filmmaker Scarlett Bruns' new feature film "Heart of Dance". The film tells the story of teen Kealy Charmichael, who tries to fulfill her sister Anna's dream of becoming a professional dancer in spite of a tragic family accident. During the film, Kealy struggles with an eating disorder, a topic that Bruns says is important to address. "I don't have an eating disorder myself, but as a dancer, I've seen so many young girls struggle with their weight and with body image and I really wanted to help." says actress Tara-Jean Popowich who is set to play the principal dancer in the film and won "So You Think You Can Dance Canada" in 2009.

"I wanted to make this film because I lost a friend to an eating disorder," says Bruns. "I've always been a 'plus sized dancer'. I've struggled with my weight and been teased about it all my life." Bruns, who also plays the lead role, says she has script approval from The Looking Glass Foundation for Eating Disorders and is donating partial profit of the film to help build a treatment centre for youth in BC. "Instead of just donating to a charity, this will actually raise public awareness," says Bruns. "You can get a hundred people to donate \$1,000 each, but that doesn't encourage other people to do it, which is what I hope "Heart of Dance" will do." Terence Winkless ("Twice as Dead", Disney Channel's "White Wolves 2: Legends of the Wild", TV's "Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers") is set to direct. "Everyone in the cast and crew is so committed to this film," she continues. "Some have agreed to work for no pay just to make sure we get this film made. Some have family members struggling with the disease. It makes their performances so poignant. All we need now is the rest of the funding."

Bruns who at just 23 years old has produced 5 non-profit films and runs Bruns Family Productions says she's one of a new breed of filmmakers who is utilizing the Internet and social media to build momentum and get her projects to theatres. Her most recent film "Sunday's Child" was up for a Leo Award nomination in June in Vancouver.

"Heart Of Dance" is full of local talent, starring Julia Stone from the recent Canadian feature "The Year Dolly Parton Was My Mom" and "So You Think You Can Dance Canada" winner Tara-Jean Popowich. Robyn and Ryleigh, two up and coming musical artists based out of Langley, BC are also involved in the project. "We're very excited to have Robyn and Ryleigh create original music for the film," says Bruns. "So many people are coming forward and wanting to be part of this project," she continues. Bruns is also putting together PSA's to run at the end of the movie featuring local celebrities and has been in contact with many Hollywood celebrities including Haylie Duff, Cory Monteith and Ellen DeGeneres who has expressed interest in potentially talking to Bruns and her cast once the project is complete. "This film is going to make a difference in people's lives," says Bruns, "plus, it's a really good story."

Bruns is currently looking for private and corporate investors to fund Heart of Dance. More info on investing and donating is available online at [www.heartofdancemovie.com](http://www.heartofdancemovie.com) to this end Bruns and her crew are currently filming a promotional trailer for "Heart of Dance" for potential investors to view the quality of work they are investing in.

For more information and interviews about “Heart of Dance”:

Visit: <http://www.heartofdancemovie.com>

All cast members and the director are available for interviews.

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