

Surreal Horror-Comedy 'Man Baby' Hits the South Dakota Film Festival

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EINPresswire.com/ -- The bold and inventive short film "[Man Baby](#)," a surreal horror-comedy that delves into the bizarre fears and anxieties of early parenthood, has been selected to screen at the [South Dakota Film Festival](#) on September 14, 2024.

Directed by [Aaron Murtagh](#), the 9-minute film mixes dark humor and body horror to explore the psychological toll of becoming a new parent during a global pandemic, promising an experience that is both unsettling and unexpectedly heartfelt. Filmmaker Aaron Murtagh is available for interview.



About the Film:

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Andrew Smith

Title: Man Baby

Country: USA

Format: Color / DCP

Duration: 9 mins

Logline: A new father transforms into a baby. Set during a frozen Montana winter, "Man Baby" follows a new father overwhelmed by the fear of failing as a parent, whose anxiety manifests in a surreal physical

transformation that regresses him to infancy. Shot in Bozeman, MT, the film balances suspense and absurdity, presenting a story that captures the quiet, cold, and crackling despair of a man

unraveling under pressure.

Director's Statement:

Aaron Murtagh describes "Man Baby" as "a metaphorical exploration of the fears and anxieties that many parents face, amplified through a surreal and nightmarish lens." His approach blends horror and comedy to depict the nuances of new parenthood in a fresh, compelling way.

Screening Details:

Festival: South Dakota Film Festival

Date: September 14, 2024

Website:

<https://www.southdakotafilmfest.org/>

Awards and Recognition:

World Premiere: Dances with Films: NY 2023

UK Premiere: Indie-Lincs February 2024

Awards:

Best Int'l Short Film Nominee, Indie-Lincs

Most Challenging Film Nominee, Indie-Lincs

Recipient of 2022 Big Sky Film Grant

Watch the Trailer:

<https://vimeo.com/881602412>

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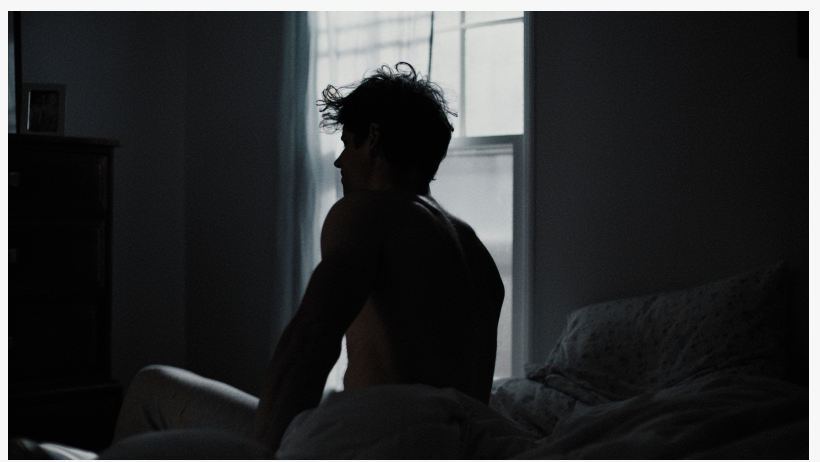
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"Man Baby" promises to be a standout feature at the South Dakota Film Festival. We invite you to join us for this unique blend of humor, horror, and an unflinching look at the anxieties of parenthood.

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