FREESTYLE DIGITAL MEDIA LAUNCHES DARK COMEDY MOCKUMENTARY 'A BLOODY MESS' FOR SEPTEMBER THEATRICAL RELEASE

Dark Comedy 'Mockumentary' Begins Limited Theatrical Run September 18th Followed by a Digital Release on North American VOD Platforms in Fall 2026

LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, September 11, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Freestyle Digital Media, the digital film distribution division of Byron Allen's Allen Media Group, proudly announces the acquisition of VOD rights to the dark comedy feature A BLOODY MESS, which will be launched in a limited theatrical release starting September 18, 2026 at select theaters in New York, Los Angeles, and Boston. Additionally, a Q&A with filmmaker Daniel Hayden and star Sydney O'Toole will be hosted at the Laemmle Glendale theatre in Glendale, CA on September 14, 2026. A digital release will follow, making A BLOODY MESS available on North American HD internet, DVD, cable, and satellite platforms starting fall 2026.

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> *Filmmaker Daniel Hayden*

A darkly comic mockumentary satire, A BLOODY MESS chronicles the efforts of documentarian Violet Blank as she investigates a decades-old catastrophe in a small Texas town. In 2002, Split Springs, TX was rocked by an explosion at a manure storage facility, flooding the streets with poop. Nearly every citizen was forced to flee their homes, while the rest of the country looked on and laughed, viewing the tragedy as nothing more than a joke. Twenty-five years later, Violet, along with her trusty crew, is determined to uncover the truth surrounding this life-altering event and find the mysterious man she believes to be truly responsible. A man who hasn't been seen or heard from in years. As she moves through interview after interview, none of them offering her the answers she needs, her efforts become less and less ethical—until they ultimately become dangerous.

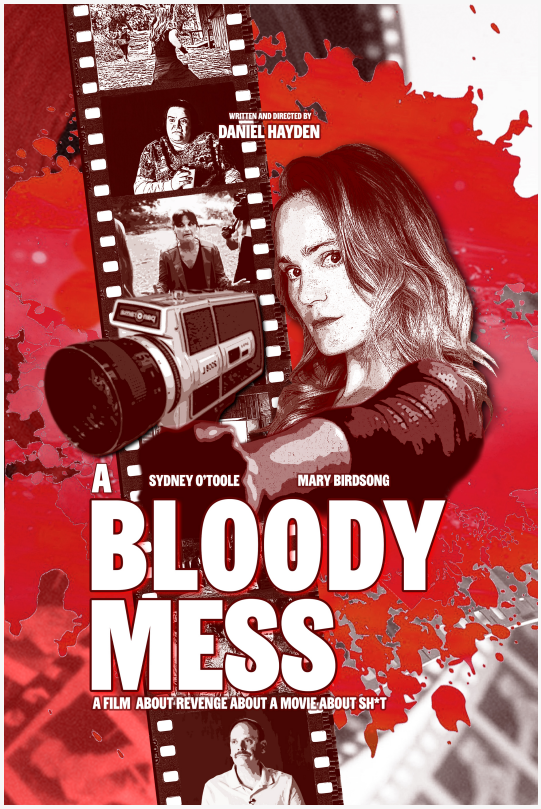
Written and directed by Daniel Hayden, A BLOODY MESS was produced by Hayden and Sydney O'Toole. Featured actors include: Sydney O'Toole ('Violet Blank'), Mary Birdsong ('Elaine Blair'), Anna Bezahler ('Drew Taylor'), Dhruv Uday Singh ('Brian Paxton'), James Werner ('Eugene

Warren'), Jim Woods ('Ted Cower'), Cameron Kelly ('Melissa Albright'), Casey Feigh ('Aaron Albright') and Matt O'Toole ('Benjamin Darling').

"A BLOODY MESS is a comic, satirical examination of the pain that follows in the wake of abuse," said filmmaker Daniel Hayden. "Our protagonist, Violet, is driven by that pain, making her feel justified doing what she does, but she doesn't understand that punishing her abuser won't help her heal. It can only cause more pain, more destruction. So, if we decide it's up to us to dole out justice, then all we're going to do is make a bloody mess."

Freestyle Digital Media negotiated a deal to acquire A BLOODY MESS directly with the filmmakers and Glen Reynolds of Circus Road Films. The film initially premiered and was acquired at Dances With Films.

A BLOODY MESS website:
https://www.abloodymessmovie.com/



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Freestyle Digital Media, the digital distribution unit of Byron Allen's Allen Media Group, is one of the largest all-rights independent film distributors in the world. The company specializes in VOD and streaming distribution, film acquisition, and direct partnerships across all major cable, satellite, digital, and streaming platforms. With a veteran sales team and robust infrastructure, Freestyle Digital Media is a premier destination for independent filmmakers seeking multiplatform theatrical, VOD, and streaming distribution. Recent releases include UP THE CATALOGUE featuring Jonathan Bailey, ALLSWELL IN NEW YORK starring Emmy Award-winning Liza Colón-Zayas of FX's THE BEAR, DIARIO, MUJER & CAFÉ starring Roselyn Sánchez in her directorial debut, and CHARLIEBIRD, winner of the Founders Award at the 2025 Tribeca Film Festival. Additional titles in the Freestyle library include SURVIVE starring Sophie Turner and Corey Hawkins, DEAR ZOE starring Sadie Sink of STRANGER THINGS, and BEST SUMMER EVER, produced by Jamie Lee Curtis, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Mary Steenburgen, and Ted Danson. For more information, visit freestyledigitalmedia.tv

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