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Scenic views attract film crew to Snug Harbor

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How does it feel to be a washed up celebrity, socialite or person of interest? And how does one recover from the feeling that their life is somehow over?

An independent film explores these topics in a new movie called, "Has Been," a feature film highlighting the emotional toll suffered once the spotlight dims.

Marcus Proctor plays Rory Jacobs whose claim to fame was breaking the 'Teflon' story. After his break he is commissioned by a publisher to write a tell-all book about former stars and famous people. To do this he assembles the 'Has beens' to a Wyoming campsite to write their life story, but finds himself trying to sort through the storied pasts of people against a backdrop of hilarious situations and unforeseen revelations.

"You put all these egotistical characters together and you have a great story line," said Jon Russell Cring, producer for the movie.

In the Wyoming wilderness revelations that life goes on transpires, however these scenes were actually shot at Snug Harbor, a small peninsula situated off Ryer



Island.

Cring discovered the location by looking online. He found that the petite rental cabins that face the river create a big sky outdoors feel without the necessity of trekking to Wyoming.

Australian actor Marcus Proctor plays the lead role of Rory Jacobs. He landed the role by auditioning with Cring over the phone. Proctor said he was drawn to independent productions, which tend to be a lot less commercial driven.

"Independent films offer a lot more real situations. Commercial films rely too much on formula," said

Proctor.

The seven members of the cast and five crew members followed director Jon Russell Cring and his wife Tracey from state to state as they film at various locations.

Tracey said she was able to further Jon's career when she won an independent film contest and received film equipment as the prize.

Cring said that most of the story lines come from his father, Richard Cring, who is a creative writer and composer. Cring's younger brother and cast member Jasson said the family possesses a kindred passion for acting and the arts, while valuing their differences.

The crew is very busy, as they have made eight films in eight months.

As for their stay at Snug Harbor, it has been the best a director could experience.

"They have been so kind to us and really just gave us run of the place," said Cring.

Snug Harbor's very own Tyler Suard got a chance to showcase his talent in the movie as he contributed music for the soundtrack.

"Has Been" will premier online on April 28.