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### Way Up North in Romania

Sometimes when there's no question of betrayal, a little mayhem is the only answer...

ANCHORAGE, AK. - Crooked Pictures is excited to announce the selection of *Way Up North* to the Next Film Festival in Bucharest Romania. *Way Up North* is the only film representing the United States in this International competition. According to the Next website only 26 of the 950 films submitted were selected for the festival. Next Artistic Director Andrei Gorzo mentions *Way Up North* as one of three films to watch. Alaskan Director Levi A. Taylor said "The Next festival is focused on both film and music so it's a real great fit for *Way Up North*." The films in the competition will compete for the Next Trophy, the "Cristian Nemescu" Award for Best Directing and the "Andrei Toncu" Award for Best Soundtrack. Called a strange marriage of Robert Service and Quentin Tarantino, *Way Up North* is a Rock Opera featuring a soundtrack by local Alaskan band the Rebuttals. "I'm eager to see Europe's reaction to the film. I think they'll recognize that it's not only a unique Alaskan tale, but a satire about some strange American mentalities, including our fascination with violence." Levi looks forward to talking to Romanian artists about his theories on why Alaska is the perfect setting to explore this story.

The Alaska State Council on the Arts in cooperation with the Next is flying Writer/Director and Actor Levi A. Taylor to the festival in Romania. Taylor will represent the over 150 local Alaskan artists that worked on this ground breaking film. *Way Up North* turn Hollywood on its ear last year with two wins at the Beverly Hills Film Festival and looks to take this unique brand of storytelling to the people of Romania.

The Next International Film Festival takes place in 2010 under the patronage of HRH Princess Margarita of Romania. Cultural Society Next activities fall within the "30-year vision for Romania of the Royal House." More information on the festival can be found on the official web site:

<http://www.nextproject.ro>

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About Crooked Pictures:

Crooked Pictures is an independent entertainment company based in Anchorage Alaska. We are dedicated to creating the best ebook, reality programming, cinema, video game and social networking in the last frontier. We aim to build a pipeline to supporting resources in the lower 48 and bring our unique brand of entertainment to the world. We believe that there is a common spirit in all Alaskans that make us unique. Our goal is to tell the message behind that voice to the rest of the world.

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