

Local Action

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BU graduate finishes filming tribute to Godard's 'Breathless'

Shooting wraps today on "Shortness of Breath," the first feature from Boston University graduate and Somerville resident **Zachary Lee**. The local cast and crew has been working for the past several weeks at indoor and outdoor locations in Cambridge and Somerville. There was also a trip to the beach in Quincy and a weekend shoot at an Acton motel, which was selected after a long search because it had just the right dilapidated look, says the film's producer, Joanna Jefferson of Roadside Pictures, who has worked with Lee on 10 short films.

One of the challenges to the indie production was that, due to budget constraints, shooting at locations such as convenience stores and gas stations had to be done while the businesses were open. With the production on schedule and on budget, the editing process will now begin; the film, which was shot on 16mm, is slated for release next fall.

"Shortness of Breath," an homage to Godard's new wave classic "Breathless," stars Beno Chapman. Other locals working on the film include cinematographer Matthew Payne, art director Mike Fleisch, coproducer Nina Farouk, and line producer Mike Bowes.

CINEMA CONSCIOUSNESS: BankBusters, a local collective of activists concerned about the global economy (and particularly about the policies of the World Bank and the International Mon-



Somerville resident Zachary Lee's "Shortness of Breath," shot on 16mm film, is entering the editing process.

The three-day fest has two features: "Lifting the Veil," a documentary set in contemporary India, and "The New Rulers of the World," a look at large multinational corporations and the institutions that back them. Both films will screen on Friday and Saturday. Three short films — "Guns and Greed," "Uprooted: Refugees of the Global Economy," and "Trade Secrets: The Hidden Costs of the FTAA" — will show next Sunday at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Visit www.bankbusters.org for more information.

CHICK FLICKS: Women in Film & Video/New England has launched a free monthly film se-

den/New England at www.wifv-ne.org or 617-613-0091.

BECK ACTS: The Coolidge Corner Theatre's **Clinton McClung** continues to program innovative fare at the the Allston Cinema Underground, billed as Boston's "Newest Cult Cinema." He's the only area programmer to book the offbeat "Southlander" (which opened Friday), notable for featuring the acting debut of indie singer/songwriter Beck and other musicians, including Beth Orton and Hank Williams III. "I'd been hearing about the film for years. It doesn't have a distributor so I'm working directly with the director."