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PREMIERE SCREENING OF *STAR CROSSED LOVERS*

A Feature film by Francesco Nuzzi and John Hedlund

Garden State Film Festival • Saturday April 2 at 2:45 p.m. • Atlantic City, New Jersey

Montvale, New Jersey - February 29, 2016 [Open Iris Entertainment](#) and [Exit 172 Productions](#) present ***Star Crossed Lovers***, a feature film adaptation of William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Produced by first time filmmakers John Hedlund and Francesco Nuzzi, *Star Crossed Lovers* brings Shakespeare's timeless classic to life in a modern world.

The film's premiere screening will take place at the 14th annual Garden State Film Festival on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 2:45 p.m. in the Resorts Hotel Casino Ballroom, followed by a Q&A session with the cast and crew. Ticket info: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2488712>

The film stars Lauren Muraski as "Juliet" and Peter Evangelista as "Romeo", Shakespeare's fabled star-crossed lovers. The cast also includes Ted Wrigley, Francesco Nuzzi, Emily Williams, John Hedlund, Greg Jolley, Dana Duff, Melissa Harlow, Max McGuire, Chris Young, Damon Matthew, and John Hopko. IMDB: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt3900738>

Filmed on location in the New Jersey towns of Sea Girt, Bloomfield, Budd Lake, and Saddle River, the film has a suburban backdrop with a taste of the Jersey shore. New York City's historic St. Francis of Assisi Church in Manhattan serves as the interior of Verona's majestic St. Peter's Church. The walls of William Shakespeare's Verona never felt so close to home and relatable.

Francesco Nuzzi is the Producer, Director, Screenwriter, and Editor of *Star Crossed Lovers* and also appears in the film as "Mercutio". In 2014, Francesco co-wrote and produced *Rambler*, an award winning short film in which he also starred as "DCI Densworth". Francesco studied at Stella Adler Studios in NYC under the tutelage of Patrick Quagliano and has a B.A. in Theater from Salve Regina University (Class of 2004). He lives in New Jersey with his wife Jessica and 17 month old daughter. <http://www.francesconuzzi.com/>

John Hedlund is the Producer, Cinematographer, and Editor of *Star Crossed Lovers* and also appears in the film as "Tybalt". From 2013 to 2015, John was Technical Director of PopSugar Studios in New York where he directed over 200 live shows, including the LIVE Red Carpet broadcast from the Oscars in 2015. In 2012, John's short film "3 Minutes to Air" won Best Writing at the 48 Hour Film Festival in New York. John has a B.A. in Film and Television Production from William Paterson University (Class of 2008). He lives in New Jersey with his wife Katie. <http://www.johnhedlund.com/>

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