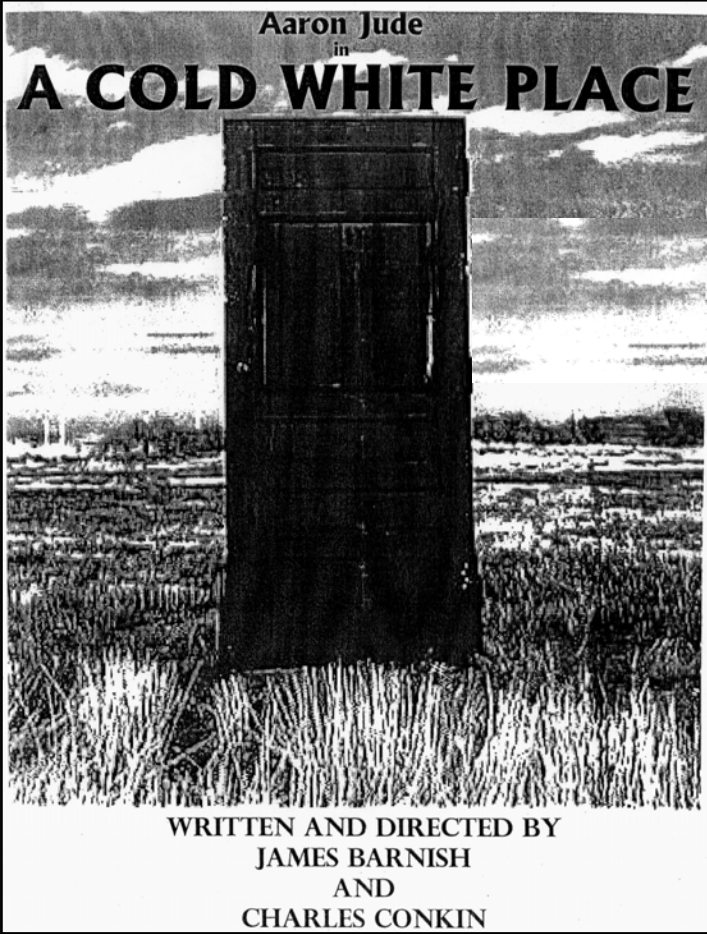


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Aaron Jude
A COLD WHITE PLACE
WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY
JAMES BARNISH
AND
CHARLES CONKIN

Independent film in the 'Cannes,' and beyond

Nephew of CJ business owner stars in 'A Cold White Place,' to be shown at 2004 film festival

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Like so many others, Keith Soloman learned about drug addiction the hard way.

A promising young art student, he fell in with the "wrong crowd," choosing getting high over school, family, his buddies and even his girlfriend, Jenny.

Keith Soloman could be anyone; any teenager in America today whose naive curiosity and attraction to the seemingly harmless world of drugs brings about some painful conclusions.

Therein lies the honest and horrific beauty of the independent film, "A Cold White Place."

Written, directed and produced by friends James Barnish and Charles Conkin, the film is a fictional account -- though the bulk of it frighteningly seems real -- of a cata-

tonic patient on the verge of death, Keith, who by being fed "memory" pills is able to piece together his life before, and after, his drug-induced descent.

"(Keith) is visited by entities represented by images of his friends that give him back his memories so that he can be judged," described Aaron Jude, who portrays Keith, about the film.

Jude attended a special showing of the movie at Blue Moon Books & Coffee in Cave Junction, owned by his aunt, Gloria Fiorini, on Aug. 7.

Since the film debuted at Casper College, in Casper, Wyo. -- where Jude, Barnish and Conkin attended at the time -- in September, it has received much acclaim.

It will be featured in the coming months at the New York International Independent Film and

Video Festival in November, the Anchorage Film Festival and the 2004 Cannes Film Festival.

With a budget of just \$5,000, the film was primarily filmed in Casper, with some shots taken in Portland.

"We haven't really had that many negative responses. There's three people that just hated it. The way we figure it, we did our job, because art is supposed to evoke emotion. Therefore we made them mad, and it worked," Jude said.

Overall, "A Cold White Place" is an artistic gem.

Clearly Barnish and Conkin technically know how to make a good film. It is especially interesting to note that the two shot some 27 hours of footage which then was edited down to make their first full-length two-hour film.

The surrealistic scenes, series of overlay montages flashing quickly on screen, and the shots that are slower and more realistic all exhibit a mastery of each skill.

However, in advancing the story and the depth of the characters, some of the beginning scenes, while visually appealing, don't seem as powerful or effective as they need to be.

It takes some 40 minutes to really become involved in the film. After that, it is impossible to

glance away, even during several truly nightmarish scenes.

The acting and chemistry among the group on screen is commendable, especially considering the difficulties in finding actors that would stick with the project.

As Jude explained, that in part, was why it took a little more than two years to make the film.

He initially auditioned for the roles of both Keith and Kane, the character who offers Keith his first drug "hit."

"Because I was a dedicated actor they kept me as the (Keith) role. I could be there (to shoot) all the time. And that was one of the problems we had," Jude said.

As a result, he noted, much of the dialogue that made it into the film was improved.

Jude's performance is particularly noteworthy, as is that of Barnish, who shows up on screen as the character of Johnny.

Quite detestable at first, Barnish brings just enough emotion and sensitivity to the role that as the film progresses he proves to be a sensitive and sympathetic human being.

Jude's portrayal is believable and emotionally powerful as well, strengthening and deepening as the film enters its second half.

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10	(KTVL) News		Early Show								Price Is Right		Young and the Restless		Young and the Restless		News		Bold, Beautiful		As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Life Moments
11	(M2) Blue's Clues		CatDog		Thomorrow's World		Rocket Power		Rugrats		SpongeBob		SpongeBob		Dora the Explorer		Blue's Clues		Dora the Explorer		Port Charles		All My Children		One Life to Live
12	(NBC) News		Good Morning America						Live With Regis and Kelly																General Hospital
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16	(NBC) News		Varied Programs																						Movie
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35	(TNT) Pensacola: Wings of Gold		Lost World		Pretender		Charmed		ER		ER		Law & Order		NYPD Blue		Varied Programs		NYPD Blue						In the Heat of the Night
36	(CBS) Bear in the Hat		Book of Pooh		Rolie Polie Olie		Stanley		P&B: The Show		Wiggles		Wiggles		Stanley		Rolie Polie Olie		P&B: The Show		Out of the Box		Bear in the Hat		Wiggles
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