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***Esther's Diary*, a gripping drama of Jewish and Christian survivors of the holocaust in Poland, makes United States Premiere at New Hope Film Festival**

(New Hope, Pennsylvania) Critically acclaimed Polish producer and director, Mariusz Kotowski, announces the United States premiere of *Esther's Diary* at the New Hope Film Festival 2010.

*Esther's Diary* will screen on Saturday, June 26, from 12:45-2:00 PM as a double feature with "Expansive Grounds" under the event name "Remembering the Holocaust." The movie will play at the Stephen J. Buck Auditorium which is located at 180 West Bridge Street in New Hope, PA.

Kotowski explains his film by saying, "*Esther's Diary* penetrates the veil of secrecy, anger, and shame that continues to permeate the Polish collective memory, haunting both survivors and their descendants alike, wherever they may be now."

*Esther's Diary* stars Juli Erickson of "Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay" fame. Erickson plays the lead character of Apollonia, an elderly Polish mother who is forced to reveal her family's darkest secrets. *Esther's Diary* also stars Shelley Calene-Black who plays Apollonia's daughter, Maria, who is unexpectedly faced with her family's tragic and horrific legacy. The cast is rounded out by Sydney Barrosse ("Friday Night Lights") who plays "Sarah," the grieving daughter of a Jewish woman who leaves behind a diary that details the justification of her decade-long silence. Heidi Hutter is the Executive Producer of *Esther's Diary*.

For more information about *Esther's Diary* and The New Hope Film Festival, you can visit the following website at [www.newhopefilmfestival.com](http://www.newhopefilmfestival.com).

For information about Kotowski's other projects, you can go to: <http://www.brightshiningcity.com>.

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