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David B. Sharp's *SVEENER AND THE SHMIEL* – Official Selection DANCES WITH FILMS Film Festival June 11, 2009

• *Micro-budget, 80-minute comedy feature film includes over 130 practical FX, miniature effects, and digital EFX shots; slated to screen in Los Angeles*

Los Angeles, CA – May 18, 2009 – Emmy Award-winning, special visual effects artist David B. Sharp's (*Passion of the Christ, Mission Impossible II, Event Horizon, The Arrival, Flight of the Navigator*) first feature-length film, ***SVEENER AND THE SHMIEL*** (www.sveener.com), has been selected by DANCES WITH FILMS (DWF) Film Festival 2009 (www.danceswithfilms.com). The 12th Annual, Los Angeles-based DWF Festival will run from June 5 through June 11, 2009. Sharp's darkly funny feature film will screen on closing night, **Thursday, June 11, 2009, 7:15 PM** at Laemmle's Sunset 5 Theatres, 8000 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90046. The film recently won the prestigious "Best Comedy Feature" award at the Hollywood East Film Festival 2009 in Danbury, CT.

DANCES WITH FILMS' screening committee previewed over 1200 submitted works. *SVEENER AND THE SHMIEL* is one of 12 movies officially selected for the "Fusion Feature" category.

The movie, a fast-paced, disturbingly funny rock n' roll comedy is a story about two social misfits, "Sveener" and "The Shmiel". They're building a giant machine to take them back to their "planet" when their plan gets complicated. Sveener, played by actor/musician Aaron Sharp, becomes disturbingly agitated when his mentally-challenged younger brother, The Shmiel, played by actor Gavin Woodward, falls in love.

This film presents a fresh look at life and its meaning, which is – almost incidentally – delivered by the "family solicitor", played by actor and renowned pop-entertainment sculptor and painter, Dave Pressler. *SVEENER AND THE SHMIEL* delivers a thought-provoking, startling, and often disturbing cinematic experience that remains true to its mission to entertain, with a bucket of comedic relief, just when you need it most.

The surprisingly high-budget-production value of this micro-budget film is due in part to the creative use of practical effects and miniatures by filmmaker David B. Sharp and his team, and the supervision of 130+ special visual effects by Richard Malzahn of Perpetual Motion Pictures (www.pmpfx.com). Malzahn is well-known and respected in the film industry for his body of work as Visual Effects Supervisor, most recently on *Knocked Up* and *Blades of Glory*.

With an all-original musical soundtrack, *SVEENER AND THE SHMIEL* features the combined works of over 50 musicians, introducing several new musical groups. The film also presents five songs by **Saint Motel** (www.myspace.com/saintmotel), an up and coming Southern California “indie” rock ‘n roll band.

Advance tickets are \$10 each until June 4, 2009. Online tickets may be purchased using VISA or Mastercard through Laemmle Theatres – access via http://www.danceswithfilms.com/09_list_f_sz.html (scroll down to **SVEENER AND THE SHMIEL** listing and click on **TIX**), or by going directly to the Laemmle Theatre box office. After June 4th, tickets are priced at \$12 each.

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