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## Two Step director Alex Johnson to host screening, Q&A for Bullock's Texas Focus series

Film premiered at SXSW and was nominated for an Audience Award

MARCH 8, 2017 (AUSTIN, TX) — Director Alex R. Johnson will host a screening of his film <a href="Two-Step">Two-Step</a> (2014) on March 23, 2017, as part of the Bullock Texas State History Museum's <a href="Texas Focus">Texas Focus</a> series, a cinematic exploration of the Texas narrative.

In *Two Step*, James (Skyy Moore) has been recently kicked out of college and visits Grams, his only remaining family, who dies shortly after his arrival. He finds consolation in the company of Grams' neighbor, Dot (Beth Broderick), a dance teacher, as he figures out his next move. While settling Grams' affairs, James learns she's been the victim of the "grandparent scam" in which someone posing as James has been slowly bilking her out of thousands. But before James can go looking for the culprit, he shows up at the front door, desperate for money. The culprit, Webb, has his own problems in the form of Duane, who has ordered Webb to pay an old debt or else. And if Webb (James Landry Hébert) can't get it from Grams, James will have to do – no matter who stands in his way.

Johnson wrote the critically acclaimed script for this film, described by *Variety* as "A slow-burn thriller, with rich Texas flavor (...) and delicious dialogue." The film premiered at SXSW and went on to a limited theatrical release. It's a *New York Times* Critic's Pick and still maintains its 100% Rotten Tomatoes rating. Johnson relocated from NYC and is now an Austin-based

filmmaker. Johnson recently sold his 2016 Blacklist script Northeast Kingdom to Paramount with Platinum Dunes attached to produce, and Johnson attached to direct. Filming is slated for late 2017.

This Neo-Noir crime thriller is unrated and stars Beth Broderick, James Landry Hébert, Skyy Moore, Barry Tubb, and Ashley Spillers. Austinites will notice cameos by musician Dale Watson and



Set in Texas, the film *Two-Step* debuted at SXSW in 2014 and was nominated for a SXSW Audience Award, among others.



*Two-Step* director, Alex R. Johnson, will host a Q&A after the Texas Focus screening at the Bullock Museum March 23, 2017.

actress and radio personality Laurie Gallardo. The screening begins with a 6 p.m. reception and cash bar, followed by the screening in the Texas Spirit Theater. Visitors can stay after the film for a Q&A with Johnson.

The *Two Step* screening is part of the museum's original <u>Texas Focus</u> film series. Other films in the series include the Texas-filmed <u>Bonnie</u> and <u>Clyde</u> on 35 mm (April 20, 2017), celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and <u>Sacrifice</u> (May 18, 2017), featuring a conversation with Director Michael Cohn.

The Bullock Museum cinema program maintains a full calendar of exclusive film series,

special presentations, and screenings with special guests in the Texas Spirit Theater. The museum also operates the Bullock Museum IMAX® Theatre, which is the first and only theater in the state featuring <u>laser IMAX projection</u> and 12-channel immersive sound. The Bullock Museum has free parking after 5 p.m. and student discounts. Ticket purchases support the museum's exhibitions and educational programming. Details and tickets at TheStoryofTexas.com.

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