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**Mixed Roots Foundation in Partnership with Award-Winning Film ‘SHORT TERM 12’
and Michael Reagan Raises Awareness about Foster Care On the Big Screen**

*Michael Reagan to Moderate Q & A at ArcLight Hollywood –Tonight, Aug 28-7:15
SF & Berkeley Film Screenings Open at The Metreon & California - Friday, August 30*

San Francisco, CA and Los Angeles, CA – August 28, 2013 – Mixed Roots Foundation announces partnership with honorary board member and best-selling author/speaker on abuse and most recently his book “**Twice Adopted**”, **Michael Reagan**, who is also the adopted son of actress Jane Wyman and former president Ronald Reagan and the new award-winning film **SHORT TERM 12** that opened in Los Angeles and New York on Friday, August 23, 2013 will co-present a special screening at **ArcLight Hollywood in Los Angeles tonight at 7:15 p.m.** that will include an **exclusive Q & A session with the cast and director Destin Daniel Cretton moderated by Michael Reagan**. Mixed Roots Foundation will be represented by **Santana Dempsey**, a spokesperson for Mixed Roots Foundation, a foster care adoptee, actress and founder of Act Right Consulting based in Los Angeles. **SHORT TERM 12** opens nationwide with San Francisco Bay area film showings starting this **Friday, August 30th at the Metreon in San Francisco and California Theater in Berkeley, CA.**

“As a foster care adoptee, I am excited to participate in this special screening of **SHORT TERM 12** and have the opportunity to represent Mixed Roots Foundation,” stated Santana Dempsey. “I look forward to this film as being a great platform to get our voices heard and **hopefully inspire action to make a difference** that will improve and change the lives of children that I once was.”

SHORT TERM 12 is a film about forgiveness, rebirth, and the many shapes that family, home, and love can take. In this spirit, Mixed Roots Foundation along with **SHORT TERM 12** aims to illustrate the diversity of these otherwise common human experiences through the transformative power of art and film and **seeks to raise more awareness about the foster care experience both locally and globally.**

SHORT TERM 12 SPECIAL SCREENINGS

ArcLight Hollywood: Tonight, August 28, 2013 at 7:15 p.m., 6360 W. Sunset Blvd. Los Angeles, CA
with Q & A moderated by Michael Reagan following this film showing only
The AMC Metreon: Friday, August 30, 2013, 101 Fourth Street, San Francisco, CA



SHORT TERM 12





The California Theater: Friday, August 30, 2013, Kittredge Street, Berkeley, CA
Starring: Brie Larson, John Gallagher Jr., Kaitlyn Dever, Rami Malek, Keith Stanfield
Written and directed by: Destin Daniel Cretton
Run time: 96 minutes / Language: English
Rating: R / Official website: ShortTerm12.com

For more information or to buy tickets, please **contact the respective theaters** or **visit SHORT TERM 12** for show times and more listings nationwide. **To learn more about Mixed Roots Foundation**, please LIKE and SHARE Mixed Roots Foundation on Facebook, call 800.659.6958, or email events@mixedrootsfoundation.org. **To donate, please text ADOPTees** on a mobile phone to **56512** or visit www.mixedrootsfoundation.org.

About SHORT TERM 12

SHORT TERM 12 is told through the eyes of Grace (Brie Larson), a twenty-something supervisor at a foster-care facility for at-risk teenagers. Passionate and tough, Grace is a formidable caretaker of the kids in her charge – and in love with her long-term boyfriend and co-worker, Mason (John Gallagher Jr.). But Grace’s own difficult past – and the surprising future that suddenly presents itself – throw her into unforeseen confusion, made all the sharper with the arrival of a new intake at the facility – Jayden (Kaitlyn Dever), a gifted but troubled teenage girl with whom Grace has a charged connection. She and Mason also struggle to help Marcus (Keith Stanfield) – an intense, quiet kid who is about to turn 18 – manage through the difficulty of having to leave the facility. Grace comes to find – in both her work and the new teenager in her care – surprising sources of redemption. And while the subject matter is complex and often dark, this lovingly realized film finds truth – and humor – in unexpected places.

About Michael Reagan

Michael Reagan is the adopted son of former President Ronald Reagan and Academy Award Winning Actress Jane Wyman. He has authored many successful books including his best-selling autobiography, “On the Outside Looking In,” and “The Common Sense of An Uncommon Man: The Wit, Wisdom and Eternal Optimism of Ronald Reagan.” His latest book “Twice Adopted” is based on his personal adoption story. He is a popular national speaker on issues related to conservative politics, adoption, and the life lessons he learned from his mother and father. Michael is currently the president of The Reagan Legacy Foundation. For more information, please visit: reagan.com.

About Santana Dempsey

Santana Dempsey is a foster care adoptee, born in Dallas, Texas and was adopted and grew up in Missouri. Santana is currently a professional actress and is in the final call backs for a prestigious ABC Talent Showcase. Santana also wrote and performed “The Other Box”, a coming of age story based on her personal adoption story which is in final editing for a screenplay based on her story. Santana is the founder of Act Right Consulting that provides marketing/project management services to creative professionals. For more information, please visit: actrightconsulting.com or santanadempsey.com.

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