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RI filmed drama *PAINLESS* to hold World Premiere at Cinequest

San Jose, CA - January 26, 2017 - *Painless*, the tale of a lonely, reclusive man who becomes obsessed with finding a cure for his rare condition that doesn't allow him to feel physical pain, has been invited to hold its world premiere screening at the prestigious **Cinequest Film and VR Festival (CQFF) on March 2nd, 2017.**

The science-based drama was written and directed by New York native **Jordan Horowitz**, whose 2015 documentary *Angel of Nanjing* took home thirteen best film and best director awards from festivals around the world, including Rhode Island International Film Festival, and produced by the award winning, Rhode Island duo of **Anthony Ambrosino** and **Nicholas Delmenico**, whose last film *Almost Human*, which was also RI made, premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival where it was purchased by IFC.

"*Painless* is a modern-day fable about loneliness and alienation, and the sacrifices one makes for what they believe in," said Horowitz. He added, "Feelings I think we've all experienced at some point in our lives." *Painless* was filmed in both Rhode Island and New York City.

"Much like the main character in *Painless*, writer/director Jordan Horowitz and Rhode Island producers Anthony Ambrosino and Nicholas Delmenico have combined their talents, enthusiasm and great determination to turn a cinematic dream into reality. On behalf of the Rhode Island Film & TV Office, I offer a hearty congratulations and could not be more pleased to see their hard work and professionalism pay off. We are excited that a worldwide audience will see the unveiling of *Painless* at the Cinequest Film and VR Festival. We also look forward to supporting these talented filmmakers as they continue making movie magic in Rhode Island while firmly establishing themselves on an international stage." - Steven Feinberg, Executive Director, Rhode Island Film and Television Office.

The film stars Montreal native **Joey Klein**, a working film and television actor for the last decade, with roles in *American Gangster*, *On The Road* and *12 Monkeys: The Series*. He most recently wrote and directed the feature film *The Other Half* which premiered at the 2016 South by Southwest Film Festival.

Cinequest, voted *Best Film Festival* by USA Today readers, is set in the home of the world's most influential media technology companies (Apple, Cisco, Facebook, Twitter, Netflix, LinkedIn, etc.). CQFF showcases premier films, renowned and emerging artists, and breakthrough technology—empowering global connectivity between creators, innovators and audiences. Named best digital festival and a top 10 film festival (out of thousands) by the Ultimate Film Festival Survival Guide, CQFF has led the world in its showcase and implementation of the technologies that have revolutionized filmmaking, exhibition and distribution.

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