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CURZON TAKEN *BEYOND* *THE POLE* BY DIRECTOR

A low-budget British comedy film that has been seen at festivals across the world comes to the Curzon in Clevedon from Tuesday 23 March.

Beyond the Pole (15) was produced by Helen Baxendale (*Cold Feet, Friends*), and directed and co-written by David Williams. David will be visiting the Curzon on 23 March to introduce the 7.45pm screening, and to take questions afterwards.

The film stars Stephen Mangan and Rhys Thomas as friends and environmental activists Mark and Brian. As the first carbon neutral, organic, vegetarian expedition ever to attempt the North Pole, they have high hopes of not only doing their bit for global warming, but also of getting into the Guinness Book of Records. Unfortunately, not only is this a world first: it's a first for them.

Luckily they are followed by Steve, their hardened arctic cameraman. That is until they accidentally shoot him. Left to fend for themselves on the ice, the boys must face polar bears, the competitive Norwegians and Mark's rapidly loosening grip on reality. No one said saving the planet would be easy, but does it have to be this hard? Funny and subversive, **Beyond the Pole** is the story of two men trying to find their place in the world before the end of the world. And it asks one question of us all: how far would you go to save the planet?

As a founding partner of Shooting Pictures, David Williams has led over a hundred shoots in Africa, Asia, Europe, America and now Greenland. David's work has led to collaborations with many of the UK's leading comedians including: Dom Joly, Alistair McGowan, Ross Noble, Ronni Ancona and Russell Brand, and socially aware projects have taken him to Rwanda and Liberia. **Beyond the Pole** is his second feature film, and also stars Helen Baxendale and Alexander Skarsgard (*Generation Kill, True Blood*).

After screenings at Film Festivals as far apart as Poland, the USA, and Glasgow, the film is touring independent cinemas around the UK. It runs at the Curzon from Tuesday 23 – Thursday 25 March at 7.45pm, with matinees at 2pm on Tuesday and Thursday. Tickets are available in advance for the Tuesday evening show only, and can be purchased by calling 07868 422089.

Ends.

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