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## New Mexico Film Office Announces Feature Film "Eddington" Filming in New Mexico

**Santa Fe, NM -** New Mexico Film Office Director Amber Dodson announced today that the feature film, "Eddington," will begin filming this month in and around Albuquerque, Santa Fe County, and Truth or Consequences.

"Our film incentive programs were designed to bring big-name projects to our incredible rural communities," Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham said. "This means jobs for locals, a boost for small businesses, and a chance to showcase New Mexico's breathtaking landscapes to the world."

The production will employ over 300 New Mexicans—230 crew members, 59 principal actors, and 105 background talent—with an estimated economic impact of over \$52 million.

The film is set to star Joaquin Phoenix ("Joker: Folie à Deux," "Napoleon"), Pedro Pascal ("The Last of Us"), Emma Stone ("Poor Things," "The Curse"), Luke Grimes ("Yellowstone," "American Sniper"), Austin Butler ("Elvis," "Dune: Part Two"), Deirdre O'Connell, Micheal Ward ("Top Boy," "Empire of Light") and Clifton Collins Jr. ("Capote, Jockey"). The film follows a small-town New Mexico sheriff with higher aspirations.

Ari Aster will write, direct, and produce alongside Lars Knudsen under their Square Peg banner, and Academy Award-winner Darius Khondji will serve as the director of photography.

"A big-talent film in T or C is great for our local economies," State Representative Tara Jaramillo said. "It supplies jobs for caterers, carpenters, and camera crews, a surge in business for motels and restaurants, and puts a spotlight on the unique beauty of our rural communities, attracting visitors who might never have considered them before. It's a win-win for everyone involved – the filmmakers get stunning scenery and a skilled local workforce, and our communities get an economic boost."

"New Mexico is established as a premier production hub where projects of all genres come to life," Dodson said. "The combination of our breathtaking landscapes, expert crew, and competitive film incentive attracts top-tier films like 'Eddington' to New Mexico—not only to film in places like Truth or Consequences but also to tell a story set in the Land of Enchantment."

In fiscal year 2023, spending on productions outside the Albuquerque-Santa Fe Corridor reached \$21 million. Since the Legislature modernized the Film Tax Credit to further incentivize film production in rural communities, spending outside this corridor has surpassed \$36 million this fiscal year, with four months still to go.

For more information about the production, contact <a href="https://officeJCFM@gmail.com">OfficeJCFM@gmail.com</a>.

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The New Mexico Film Office (NMFO), a division of the Economic Development Department, works to ensure the longevity and progress of New Mexico's film incentive, grow the film, television, and digital media industry, and expand entertainment economic opportunities for New Mexico businesses and residents.

- Named one of <u>Deadline's Hot Spots</u>.
- Three New Mexico cities were selected as <u>"2024 Best Place to Live and Work as a Moviemaker"</u> by MovieMaker Magazine for the second consecutive year.

To learn more, visit <u>nmfilm.com</u>.

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