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**BARRY WATSON ("7th HEAVEN," "GOSSIP GIRL")
STARS IN THE UP ORIGINAL MOVIE**

FAR FROM HOME

**STARTS SHOOTING
OUTSIDE VANCOUVER, CANADA**

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ATLANTA – October 7, 2013 – Production began this week in Squamish, outside of Vancouver, Canada on the UP Original Movie ***Far From Home***, a prodigal son returns drama set in the idyllic San Juan, WA islands, starring Barry Watson ("7th Heaven," "Gossip Girl"). ***Far From Home*** is executive produced by Front Street Pictures' Harvey Kahn ("R.L. Stine's The Haunting Hour," "Endgame"). Michael Scott ("Mrs. Miracle," "Touched by an Angel") directs the film from a script by newcomer Bryar Freed. ***Far From Home*** will make its premiere on UP in 2014.

The ensemble cast also includes Stefanie von Pfetten ("Cracked," "NCIS"), Barbara Pollard ("The X Files"), Eli Goree ("Emily Owens M.D.," "Pure Pwnage"), David Allan Pearson ("The Killing"), Patricia Harras ("Supernatural," *Fantastic Four: Rise of Silver Surfer*), Keith Martin Gordey (*Watchmen*, "Alcatraz"), Gemini Award winner Lorne Cardinal (*Insomnia*, "Corner Gas"), Christina Jastrzemska (*The*

Twilight Saga: New Moon), Paul McGillion (*Star Trek, Tomorrowland*), Venus Terzo (“Da Vinci’s Inquest,” “Scattered”) and Aleks Paunovic (*Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters*, “Arctic Air”).

When Nicholas Bell (Barry Watson) was 22 years old, he angrily left his home on Marrow Island, a small, hardscrabble island town tucked off the coast after a terrible fight with Charley Garrison, the uncle who raised him and owned the local newspaper where Nick started his writing career. Having cut off all contact and gone out on his own, he wrote a wildly successful novel, entitled “Broken Windows,” which led critics to declare him the “new voice of his generation.” Unfortunately, Nick has been unable to follow it up with any work as meaningful or impactful. So, 15 years later, he has quietly settled into teaching undergraduate writing at a small university. Out of the blue, Nick learns that Uncle Charley has died. Reluctantly, he heads back to Marrow Island for the funeral. His arrival is met by one mishap after another, reminding him of how quirky and insular the little island can be. Diner owner Velma (Barbara Pollard), bookstore owner Irene (Christina Jastrzemska), and enthusiastic young writer Rudy (Eli Goree) are eager to see the island’s most famous writer return – as are bank manager Rebecca (Venus Terzo) and land developer Graham Westlake (Paul McGillion). Soon, Nick learns from his honest, forthright and attractive local attorney Libby Wainscott (Stefanie von Pfetten) that some local interest stems from the fact that Charley left him the family’s local paper and key property. Eager to divest himself of the newspaper and get back to his teaching post, his new inheritance instead wedges him smack in the middle of a bitter fight over the future of the island – and face-to-face with the real reason behind what sent him so far from home for so long.

“***Far From Home*** is an intimate character drama about a man forced to confront the issues that can tear you from home – and bring you back again,” said Barbara Fisher, svp, original programming, UP. “Shot on location across a spectacularly beautiful Pacific Northwest island, Barry Watson leads a strong cast in this moving story that affirms that home really is where the heart is.”

UP presents ***Far From Home***, a Front Street production. Starring Barry Watson, Stefanie von Pfetten, Barbara Pollard, Eli Goree, David Allan Pearson, Patricia Harras, Keith Martin Gordey, Lorne Cardinal, Christina Jastrzemska, Paul McGillion and Venus Terzo. Directed by Michael Scott. Produced by Front Street Pictures’ Harvey Kahn. Director of Photography is Adam Sliwinski. Editor is Jason Pelak. Script by Bryar Freed.

Follow our cast at:

- www.UPTv.com/FarFromHome
- Stefanie von Pfetten on Twitter [@stefanievon](https://twitter.com/stefanievon)
- Eli Goree on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Eli-Goree/18299590890>

- Lorne Cardinal on Twitter [@LorneCardinal](#)

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