

Short takes

'Keep Your Distance'

If you hear someone shout, "Action!" you've probably happened upon Louisville native **Stu Pollard**.

The writer-director of the independent romantic comedy "Nice Guys Sleep Alone" has returned home to shoot another feature film with a slightly larger budget and a more recognizable cast.

The drama "Keep Your Distance" stars **Gil Bel- lows** (Billy on television's "Ally McBeal") and **Jennifer Westfeldt**, who portrayed the title character in the indie hit "Kissing Jessica Stein." The cast also includes **Stacy Keach** of the Mike Hammer TV series, **Christian Kane**, who appeared in "Life or Something Like It," and **Elizabeth Peña** of "Lone Star" and "Tortilla Soup."



Peña

The story involves the relationship of David, a Louisville radio talk-show host, and Melody, a pharmaceutical saleswoman who is fraught with problems because David is married and is being stalked by an obsessive fan. Louisville locations include the Red Lounge on Frankfort Avenue, Churchill Downs, Cave Hill Cemetery, Captain's Quarters on the Ohio River and Headliners, a bar and concert venue on Lexington Road.

"Keep Your Distance" has a budget of more than \$1 million and is expected to be ready for release by next year.

For more information, go to www.distanceflick.com.

— Judith Egerton,
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