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**THE TILLAMOOK TREASURE**  
Official Selection for  
2006 NEWPORT BEACH FILM FESTIVAL

SANTA MONICA, CA: The seventh annual Newport Beach Film Festival will present an outstanding line-up of family films from around the world, including the world premiere of The Tillamook Treasure on Sunday April 23 at 4 pm. Directed by Santa Monica resident Jane B. Hall, The Tillamook Treasure is part of the 2006 Family Film Series, which will take place at Edwards Island Cinemas, located in Fashion Island at 999 Newport Center Drive in Newport Beach. A question and answer session with director Jane Hall and the cast will follow the screening. The Tillamook Treasure will entertain and inspire people of all ages. Tickets and information are available by calling (866) NBFF-TIX or online at the Festival's website [www.NewportBeachFilmFest.com](http://www.NewportBeachFilmFest.com). Admission to each screening will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Filmed on location at the Oregon Coast, The Tillamook Treasure follows the adventure of a 14 year-old girl as she searched for a local treasure legend. The movie opens as Julie (Suzanne Marie Doyon), and her family move to an Oregon seaside town after her dad loses his job. Her parents struggle with his unemployment and their own marital problems. Her Grandpa Jack (Max Gail) and his friend, Standing Elk (Floyd Red Crow Westerman), seem to be the only ones with time for Julie. Julie finds an old Spanish gold coin after a mystical encounter with a huge Elk on the

beach. Grandpa Jack and Standing Elk tell Julie about the Tillamook treasure legend. The legend talks about Spanish sailors who buried a chest of gold on Neahkahnie Mountain over 300 years ago. The Spaniards killed a Slave and buried him with the treasure to frighten the Indians away. The Elk becomes her watchful guide as Julie searches for the buried gold and discovers more than she's bargained for. In the tense climax, Julie's courage is tested to the maximum as she places herself in great physical danger in order to complete her quest.

The Tillamook Treasure is a coming of age story that revolves around self-discovery and personal strength. It is a tale of family and of searching for and finding what is really important in life.

Julie's adventures and discoveries highlight the most amazing summer of her life.

**The Tillamook Treasure**, a Bright Light Studio production, is written and produced the award-winning team of Jane Beaumont Hall and Richard A Doyon. The film is directed by Hall, with stars Brain McNamara (*Arachnophobia*, *Caddyshack 2*), Brian Thompson (*X-Files*, *The Terminator*, *Dragonheart*), Julia Campbell (*Santa Barbara*, *Romy and Michele's High School Reunion*) and Max Gail (*Barney Miller*, *Sons and Daughters*), Bradley Stryker (*The O.C.*), Mary Stein (*General Hospital*). Suzanne Marie Doyon, Janine Doyon, and Escher Holloway appear in their first major roles in a feature film. The film features master puppeteers, the Phillip Huber Marionettes (*Being John Malkovich*) and original Native American music by flute virtuoso Jan Michael Looking Wolf. Emmy Award winners, editor, Edgar Burksen, sound designer Kent Gibson, and composer Peter Buffett round out the team.

North American release for **The Tillamook Treasure** is tentatively scheduled for summer, 2006.

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