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CINEMA: LIAM O'NEILL'S SHORT LOST AND FOUND WAS FILMED ON LOCATION IN CASTLECONNELL

Film Limerick shoot wraps up

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FILMING has wrapped on a short movie funded to the tune of €15,000 by City of Culture through the Film Limerick programme.

Liam O'Neill's *Lost and Found*, telling the touching tale of ten-year-old Charlie, was filmed on location in Castleconnell over the weekend, wrapping this Monday.

The ten minute short was funded through a joint initiative between City of Culture and Behind the Scenes and was selected from nine shortlisted projects along with Cashell Horgan's *The Clock Maker's Doll*.

Featuring television personality Caroline Morahan,

Lost and Found stars ten-year-old Lee O'Donoghue as the central character seeking to help his grieving mother after his father passes away and boasts Oscar-nominated Patrick Jordan as director of photography.

Mr O'Neill, who has an extensive track record as a screenwriter, director and producer, said he hoped the film would "touch audiences here in Ireland and abroad".

"*Lost And Found* is intended as a story about loss, growing up and moving on," he said.

"A lot to cover in ten minutes I agree. However as the story is structured in short and impactful scenes we will take the audience on the journey that the boy, the central character in the story, undertakes," he added.

Scenes for the short were

shot in and around Castleconnell and at Thornfield House in Lisnagry.

Film Limerick project manager Ronan Cassidy said the legacy programme established under City of Culture had "greatly increased awareness of the resources available to film makers" in Limerick.

"The massive interest in the project will further the aim of Limerick city becoming a film production hub and a major source of employment in the region," he said.

"I am looking forward to seeing the national and international reactions to the locations we have used in county Limerick for the filming of *Lost and Found*. I would also like to thank the *Lost and Found* team for their hard work and dedication over the last few months," he added.



Filming takes place on the set of Liam O'Neill's (centre, in red) short film *Lost and Found* in Limerick