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Indie Musical Comedy “The Dangerfields” Premieres Saturday, June 18, 7 P.M., at the Garde Arts Center in New London, Connecticut, With Gala Screening to Benefit Wounded Warriors Project

Connecticut-made film, set in the 1960s and inspired by true events, follows four high-school singers who form a rock-and-roll band to gain a little respect.

NEW LONDON, Conn. – May 16, 2022: The Garde Arts Center at 325 State Street in New London announces its upcoming June 18 premiere screening at 7 p.m. of “The Dangerfields,” a lighthearted family-friendly indie musical comedy directed by Reno Venturi. In executive producer and writer Doug Lumpkin’s semi-autobiographical flick, four high school seniors—the Dangerfields—pursue their dream of a rock-and-roll band to gain a little respect in the face of bullying peers, a choral director who hates rock and roll, a principal with side hustles under the

PTA's radar, and a washed-up manager who involves the boys in shady schemes to make money for instruments and gear. The 101-minute film was shot entirely in Connecticut with local talent and features vintage songs, cars, wardrobe, and props from the 1960s that capture a bygone era.

General admission is \$15 with all proceeds going to the Wounded Warrior Project, which honors and empowers Wounded Warriors who incurred a physical or mental injury, illnesses, or wound, co-incident to military service on or after September 11, 2001. Tickets can be purchased at gardearts.org/events/the-dangerfields; by calling 860-444-7373, ext. 1, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; or by visiting the Garde Box Office at 325 State Street in New London during business hours or two hours prior to the screening. Information on parking, area dining, and nearby hotels can be found at gardearts.org/visit.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Immediately following the premiere, Doug Lumpkin, Reno Venturi, actor/producer Bob Canelli, director of photography/editor Ben Theriault, and the original Dangerfields will take to the stage for a brief presentation. Before and after the premiere, attendees can mingle with cast, crew, and the creative team as well as check out vintage cars on location for the event. Commemorative T-shirts for the film will be on sale.

About The Garde Arts Center

Southeastern Connecticut's nonprofit home for the performing arts, cinema, and education, the Garde Arts Center was founded in 1985 to save, restore, and operate in the heart of downtown New London the historic (1926) Garde Theater and Building as a regional cultural gathering place and economic catalyst. The Garde Arts Center strives to engage, enrich, entertain, educate, and inspire the region of greater New London County. For more information, visit gardearts.org.

For box-office queries, email info@gardearts.org or call the Garde Box Office at 860-444-7373, ext. 1, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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