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HOLLYWOOD MOVIE TO HOLD AUDITIONS FOR AKRON AREA RESIDENTS

*Screenplay highlights the heritage and family values of the All American Soap Box Derby*

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Akron, Ohio – March 26, 2010 – If you've been waiting for your big break or you simply want to be part of a phenomenal community project, we have some exciting news. On April 3, actor, director and producer Corbin Bernsen and his team will hold local auditions for parts in his upcoming film, *25 Hill*, which will be shot primarily at Derby Downs in Akron. Because this truly community project was inspired and funded in great part by the Greater Akron area, a handful of roles have been reserved for local residents.

**WHO:** All Northeast Ohio residents

**WHAT:** Open auditions for *25 Hill*, the Soap Box Derby movie written, produced and directed by Bernsen

**WHERE:** Derby Downs, 789 Derby Downs Drive, Akron

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 3 from 9 a.m. until noon

**THE DETAILS:** No need to bring headshots or resumes. We'll take your photo and give you a form to fill out so we can contact you at a later date. Previous acting experience is welcomed but not necessary. Filming takes place in April, June and July.

**THE MOVIE:** *25 Hill*, centers on an 11-year-old boy named Trey whose dreams of Derby victory fade when his father is killed fighting in Afghanistan. But Trey begins to rebuild those dreams with the help of a reluctant hero, a one-time derby champ, who is contending with his own terrible heartbreak. A deep friendship is forged and wounds are healed in the dim light of a backyard garage, but the duos hopes are threatened when the Derby's demise appears imminent.

Bernsen, who has a storied Hollywood history, said the script is fictional but the concept came straight from the headlines and his heart. In September, Bernsen read a *USA Today* story about the Derby's current financial hardships .He felt compelled to help.

"We can't lose our traditions and the Soap Box Derby is as American, simple, and exciting as any tradition we have. It's where kids dare to dream, he said.

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