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## **County Executive Joanie Mahoney Joins Cast of *American Dresser* at Clear Path for Veterans**

*Thanks Veterans for their service; offers tickets to tonight's premier*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – County Executive Joanie Mahoney joined the cast of *American Dresser* today, including writer/director Carmine Cangialosi and actors Tom Berenger, Keith David and Jeff Fahey, as they visited Clear Path for Veterans. The Cast and County Executive spent the morning visiting with local Veterans, thanking them for their service and learning about the many programs and services provided by Clear Path for Veterans.

*American Dresser* is a film about a Vietnam Veteran, played by Berenger, who recently lost his wife and is estranged from his adult daughters. Several of the extras in *American Dresser* are local Veterans and the Cast, along with County Executive Mahoney, wanted to take the time to not only thank local Veterans for their service to our Country and community, but offer tickets to the world-wide premier taking place tonight at the Museum of Science and Technology in Downtown Syracuse as a small token of their appreciation.

County Executive Joanie Mahoney said, “For our community to host a world-wide premier with stars like Carmine Cangialosi, Tom Berenger, Keith David and Jeff Fahey is already impressive, but we are especially grateful that they took time out of their busy schedules to visit with our local Veterans.” Mahoney continued, “I have often spoken of the economic benefit our region is experiencing thanks to our growing film industry, but the personal investment by this cast in our community, especially our Veteran community, is invaluable. On behalf of Onondaga County, thank you to the entire cast of *American Dresser*.”

Several local businesses, including The York and the Jefferson Clinton, also benefited from the increased activity thanks to *American Dresser* being filmed here in Central New York.

*American Dresser* was the first movie filmed at the Greater Syracuse Sound Stage and stars Tom Berenger (John Moore) and Keith David (Charlie) among others. Set to the music of Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Billy F. Gibbons and country rocker Tim Montana, the film is about a Vietnam Veteran, played by Berenger, who recently lost his wife and is estranged from his adult daughters.

Clear Path for Veterans, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is Upstate New York's Veteran Resource Center serving as a hub of information, programs and resources. As a single point of contact for Veterans, military members and their families they engage, support, and make it easy to connect with what Veterans need with commitment to providing a welcoming place to call home. Their in-house programs and services are diverse and rely on partnerships and collaboration. Clear Path's focus is on restoring, reconnecting and integrating. Their programs and services are innovative, adaptive and flexible to the needs of those who serve.

*American Dresser* was shot in August and September of 2015 at over 10 locations in and around Central NY, including the Greater Syracuse Soundstage and the NYS Fairgrounds. A number of local crew and talent were hired on this film which helped to jumpstart our film industry workforce in the region. Numerous local vendors, caterers, restaurants, bars and hotels benefited greatly from the production team being in town.

[American Dresser Trailer](#)

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