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**AWARD-WINNING “UNBURDEN”  
SCREENS AT SUNSCREEN  
Tampa native presents gripping parenting film**

Actor Paul Hickert, a native of the Tampa Bay Area, appears in a short film about tragedy and redemption in parenting.

Hickert plays the stricken husband to Joy (**Angela Pierce**, *Law and Order*, *Medium*, *You Don't Know Jack*), who is haunted by the memory of a terrible accident she caused when their daughter Callie (**Quinn McColgan**, *Mildred Pierce*, *Unforgettable* and the upcoming *Non-Stop*) was an infant. He enjoyed a brief stint in the NFL and Arena Football - playing for the Tampa Bay Storm - before becoming a professional actor in New York, recently gaining momentum with appearances in *Tower Heist* and *One Life to Live*.

*Unburden*, a Wild Angel Films production by founder Tamara Rabil, screened at the Cleveland International Film Festival, to a full theater and positive audience response, and was the **Grand Jury Selection winner** at Gasparilla Film Festival in March. The film will be shown at the Sunscreen Film Festival in St. Petersburg, FL.

*Unburden* screens on April 20, at 6:30 pm and April 21 at 6 pm, at Muvico - Baywalk 20 and IMAX, 151 2nd Avenue North, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701. Tickets are available here:

<http://www.sunscreenfilmfestival.com/festival-2013/schedule.html>

Producer Tamara Rabil will be attendance, along with lead actor Paul Hickert.

Rabil found her voice as a storyteller in “Getting the Story: Introduction to Documentary Storytelling,” a class taught by Academy-Award-nominated Bobby Houston. Rabil says, “On the first night of class, Bobby asked us to bullet-point three things we were most afraid of in life. I wrote – I’m most afraid of being an unfit mother.” Her admission led to deep soul searching, and the recounting of an accident that happened with her six-week-old daughter. That accident and its aftermath became the basis for a story, which in turn developed into the *Unburden* screenplay co-written by Billy Shebar, Emmy nominee and writer of award-winning films including *Dark Matter* and *50 Ways to a Better Memory*.

Thanks to her studies at the center, Rabil was able to work with a talented, experienced crew, most notably Andrew L. Young, Susan Todd, and Todd Sandler. Young served as director. An acclaimed cinematographer, his work has won numerous awards, including five awards at the Sundance Film Festival. Young’s partner at Archipelago Films, Susan Todd, produced the film. *Unburden* was edited by Todd Sandler. He edited the dramatic-

thriller, *Leave*, starring Rick Gomez, Frank John Hughes, Ron Livingston and Bryan Cranston; and worked alongside Jonathan Demme on his latest documentary, *I'm Carolyn Parker*, which premiered at the 2011 Venice Film Festival.

The **Sunscreen Film Festival** is an acclaimed film festival for the independent film genre. One of only 23 festivals sponsored by the Academy, Sunscreen not only has an ample and diverse programming list (90 films in 4 days), but offers world-class workshops, education and community outreach for filmmakers.

For more information about *Unburden* and the filmmaking team, and to view the trailer, visit the website: <http://unburdenfilm.com>.

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