

# 'Justice is Mind' hosts second anniversary showing

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STURBRIDGE — Independent film "Justice Is Mind" had its second anniversary showing at Cinemagic on Tuesday, Aug. 18. The showing not only gave locals a chance to see a

movie filmed at familiar locations, but acted as a reunion for the cast and crewmembers.

"I've been involved in this business for 20 years and I have never really stayed in touch with all that many people from any particular project,"

said writer and director Mark Ashton Lund. "This one, for some reason, is just special and different."

Lund stated that the last time he saw most of the cast and crewmembers for "Justice Is Mind," which they start-

ed shooting on Aug. 24, 2012, was over a year ago. The second anniversary showing last week proved a great time for the cast and crew to catch up and reminisce.

Director of Photography Jeremy Blaiklock said there is

an analogy he likes to draw: "Working on a film is like going to summer camp as a kid. A lot of the people there you don't know but you're together for weeks. It's very bitter sweet at the end. You will

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miss them. You say you will stay in touch but you usually don't in the end. But for whatever reason, this is a pretty close-knit crew."

The Cinemagic showing was also a chance for the cast and crew to come back to the area where the film was shot, most of which are from all around New England.

The majority of the film was shot around Oxford and other Southern Worcester County areas. Lund said that the second anniversary was very exciting because it felt like they were "bringing the film back home."

Lund and the rest of the cast loved filming in the area.

"Some places you work in there's a time limit. It feels stressful. We felt none of that here," said Lund. "We were so welcomed that we actually got things done ahead of schedule."

Blaiklock echoed Lund's satisfaction with shooting in Oxford.

"No matter what location we were looking for, we were able to find it," he said. "Everyone was very enthusiastic about us making a movie here, especially Bob Leverly of Oxford Pizza. He plays Mr. Oxford in the film. Even while we were shooting sometimes people were wondering what we were doing. When we told them they thought it was so cool. The town was very supportive."

Lund stated that the hardest location to find was the church. "Justice Is Mind" featured two small scenes inside of a church. They were two weeks into shooting and still couldn't find a church. They finally found one. Lund said the church location may have been hard to find at first because of the film's



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The cast and crew of "Justice Is Mind" reunited at the film's second anniversary showing at Cinemagic on Tuesday, Aug. 18.



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Director and writer Mark Lund with Mary Wexler, who plays Judge Wagner in the film.



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From left: Director Mark Lund's mother, actor Richard Sewell, Mark Lund and Kim Gordon, who plays the district attorney in "Justice Is Mind." She said the second anniversary showing was like a family reunion.

"curious" subject matter.

"Justice Is Mind" is set in the near future. Lund imagined a near future where MRI technology can read your mind. An everyday, average American family is turned upside down when the father goes to the doctor

for terrible headaches. The MRI uncovers a suppressed memory of him shooting two men. The man must then face his own memory in a very controversial trial.

"This movie revolves around an ethical dilemma," said



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Mark Lund was excited to see Robin Ann Rapaporte (Margaret Miller in the film) at the showing. Said Lund, "We haven't seen each other since the world premiere."

Blaiklock. "Many movies are driven by overdone themes. You see the same things just rehashed with a new coat of paint. But this is an ethical conundrum that's never been touched upon. There's no easy way out."

Learn more about this film at [justiceismind.com](http://justiceismind.com).

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