

***The film funded when its director took part in Antony Gormley's One & Other is to premiere at the Cannes Film Festival.***

**London, April 29<sup>th</sup> 2010:** The short film that was funded when its chief filmmaker was awarded a place in Antony Gormley's One & Other installation last summer is set to premiere at this year's Cannes Film Festival.

MISSED CONNECTIONS is a pessimistic romantic comedy about Jamie, a misanthropic loser who becomes obsessed with a London newspaper's Missed Connections column, in which lovestruck singles attempt to find a stranger who caught their eye the previous day, but failed to talk to. Upon realising the unlikelihood of any of its contributors finding their soulmate, he hatches a plan in a moment of cynical genius; he starts replying to all of them.

The film stars Joseph Cappellazzi (Sofia's Diary UK) as the misanthropic Jamie, alongside an ensemble cast including Neil Chinneck, Rebecca Perfect and Slaine Kelly (The Tudors), plus a soundtrack featuring new material from cult East London band Absentee.

Writer/director Chris Presswell used his hour atop Trafalgar Square's infamous fourth plinth to pitch his film to a global audience via the installation's live webcast, attracting donations from as far away as Paris and San Diego. But it wasn't all plain sailing, having landed the midnight to 1am slot.

"Pitching your film is hard enough when you're not being heckled by drunks," says Presswell. "But it really paid dividends when it came to raising the money; it was an amazing piece of exposure, and we couldn't have made the film without it."

The film will be included as part of the Cannes Film Festival's *Short Film Corner*, which runs from May 12<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. The film will also have a free public screening as part of *Cannes in a Van*, a mobile cinema parked along the city's Croisette, on May 15th at 9:30pm, for which Presswell and a selection of cast and crew will be in attendance.

More information, high resolution stills and a link to view Chris's hour on the plinth can be found at [www.papersunfilms.co.uk/press](http://www.papersunfilms.co.uk/press) / [www.papersunfilms.co.uk/misconnections](http://www.papersunfilms.co.uk/misconnections).

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