

45 RPM – DESCRIPTIONS

Tagline:

The long road to lost music

Logline:

An ambitious artist struggling with the source of her inspiration finds help from an obsessive record collector in the search for her deceased father's lost music.

Brief:

Charlie, an artist who seeks a connection between her work and her deceased father's music, teams up with Louie, an obsessive record collector. Together they scour the South in search of the elusive 45 that hails from the heyday of '60s garage rock.

Long:

Charlie Clark just got her first break as a painter and an opportunity to create new work. Only problem is Charlie only paints one thing – a claw-foot tub in a leaky shack – an image that has haunted her since childhood. Her only clue to her obsession is a vague memory of hearing her father's music on a 45 record. Desperate for answers that can blast her out of her artistic rut, Charlie gets a lead that the 45 can be found in Memphis. Charlie hops a bus and starts her quest to find the elusive song "Rusted Roof." But her trip threatens to be a bust as self-proclaimed garage rock expert, Louie Traxler, explains he has never heard of it. Charlie knows next to nothing about her father or his music but a photo she has gives Louie a clue that his own obsession, a musician named Butch Derby, might have been involved. He proposes a road trip to conduct a proper search. Meeting with dead ends and finding only scraps of information to go on, tension builds as Louie's rumbling '71 Pontiac Grandville seems to be going in circles and Charlie has only days before her grant review. On a dusty shelf, Louie finds a rare Butch Derby record he has been seeking for years and the helplessness of the situation sets in for Charlie. But help comes from unexpected places and Charlie finds more than just a record.

About the Project:

“45RPM” is a dark comedy that extends the world of the classic American road movie into multiple mediums while exploring rich Southern history.

The film follows Charlie Clark, a struggling artist who seeks a connection between her artwork and her deceased father’s music. By trying to track down a rare copy of her father’s only cut on a 45 record, Charlie finds herself out of her element in Memphis with no leads. Louie Traxler, a record store owner and an obsessive collector, sees a chance to do what he does best. The two of them hit the road in a rumbling vintage Pontiac, scouring the South in search of the elusive 45 that hails from the heyday of ‘60s garage rock.

Drawing on Arkansas’ unique musical history, showcasing local artists and featuring original music, 45RPM pulls together a wealth of untapped modern talent as well as Southern music legends like bluesman CeDell Davis, rockabilly pioneer Joyce Green, and early garage rockers like The Coachmen and The Spydors.

From Juli Jackson – Writer/Director/Producer

“I had always wanted to shoot a film where I grew up in Arkansas and now I know this film couldn’t have been made anywhere else. I feel very lucky that as a first time director, I not only received grant funding and creative control for a large project but also had the opportunity to work with amazing local cast, crew, and musicians. This kind of support is as rare as the 45 record in the film.”