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American Starlet Woes Audiences in Award Winning Aussie Movie

Melbourne, Australia, 24th August: Former *Spy Kids* star Alexa Vega wooed audiences in her role as Kat Rogers in the Award Winning Australian Film *Broken Hill* at the recent Giffoni Film Festival in Italy which won three awards including Best Film in the thirteen plus category.

Broken Hill was a chance for Alexa to play a character that differs from the likeable roles she normally chooses and is constantly offered, allowing her to explore the complexity of the character, discovering Kats mean girl behaviour is a response to the constant travelling with her family, which she likens to homelessness and the feeling of isolation.

Alexa Vega has been acting since the age of four when she landed the role of Burt Reynolds's daughter in the acclaimed television series, *Evening Shade*. It was when she scored the role of young Carmen Cortez in 2001, she shot to worldwide fame in the half a billion dollar empire that is *Spy Kids*, starring alongside Antonio Banderas, Terri Hatcher and an array of Hollywood stars.

Broken Hill was written and Directed by Dagen Merrill with Producer Christopher Wyatt, of *Napoleon Dynamite* fame and Australian Producer Julie Ryan, working with a star-studded cast which also includes Academy Award Winner Timothy Hutton, and introducing Australia's own Luke Arnold.

Australian Luke Arnold has recently received media publicity with comparisons to Heath Ledger and Mel Gibson – which the 25 year old has modestly brushed off.

"They're both two big favourite actors of mine, and legends and people I look up to, so while comparisons are great and flattering, really it's about the work you do," said Luke, who studied acting at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts.

Morals and values were an important aspect of Alexa's upbringing and it is evident in her maturity and roles choices that this will affect the longevity of her career.

Alexa is currently shooting the ABC Family hit *Ruby and The Rockits* and has appeared in the films *Repo! The Genetic Opera*, *Twister* as the young Helen Hunt, *Little Giants*, *Nine Months*, *Ghosts of Mississippi*, *Deep End of the Ocean*, *Sleepover*, and *State's Evidence*. Her television credits include *Ghost Whisperer*, *Ladies Man* opposite Alfred Molina, *ER*, *Chicago Hope*, and the lead in the Lifetime feature, *Odd Girl Out*. She also starred in the HBO film, *Walkout* and the independent film, *The Beautiful Ordinary*.

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