

# Film, Music, Theater

**Local Filmmaker  
to Bring an**

*Early Christmas  
to  
Pennsylvania...*

**and the Rest of  
the World**



**W**riter/Producer Rick Hansberry, with one foot in Lancaster and one in York, will premiere the film of his award-winning screenplay “Branches” at Penn Cinema in Lititz, Pennsylvania on Saturday, November 20 at 11 a.m. This holiday short film features narration by Daniel Stern (the “Home Alone” movies, “Whip It” and “The Wonder Years”) and a musical score composed by two-time Emmy winner, Michael Whalen.

Hansberry lives in Lancaster County and works in York. He has given workshops on screenwriting in the tri-state area and his love of storytelling shines in his latest short film, “Branches.”

“Branches” tells the story of four friends as they journey through the snow in search of the perfect Christmas tree. What they discover in the woods provides a timeless message of friendship. Hansberry hopes that people will store the DVD of the film with “It’s A Wonderful Life,” “Elf” and other holiday classics to be viewed each year during the Christmas season. The film was shot during one of the snow storms Pennsylvanians endured this past winter at Crystal Spring Tree Farm in Lehighton, Pennsylvania. Rick, and the film’s Producer/Director Chris Messineo, worked with Crystal Spring’s owner/operator, Chris Botek to coordinate the harrowing task of getting more than twenty members of the cast and crew across twenty acres of land with over a foot of snow on the ground to capture various scenes in the film.

**Premiere of a new film, *Branches***

**Writer/Producer Rick Hansberry**

**Penn Cinema**

**Lititz, Lancaster County | Saturday, November 20 at 11 a.m**

Hosting the filming isn’t the only major event for Crystal Spring Tree Farm (cstreefarm.com) this year. The National Christmas Tree Association has named Chris Botek its 2010 Grand Champion and, as part of the award, Chris will deliver The White House Christmas Tree to Michelle Obama later this year and be a part of the HGTV Special on Christmas at The White House.

“It’s been a labor of love and I can’t wait to share this film with everyone.” Rick offered. The movie has been submitted to a number of local and national film festivals. DVD copies of the film will be available for sale after the premiere.

Rick will host a Q & A session with members of the cast and crew from the film immediately after the premiere. More information is available at the film’s web site: [www.branchesmovie.com](http://www.branchesmovie.com) or by contacting Rick directly at: [djrickhansberry@msn.com](mailto:djrickhansberry@msn.com).



This poster is in the working stages to promote the new film.



This still from the movie shows how Mother Nature provided snow at the right time for shooting.