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Daniels takes a gamble on 'Escanaba in Da Moonlight'

At home in Chelsea, actor Jeff

At home in Chelsea, actor Jeff Daniels is gearing up for the statewide release of the comedy he wrote and directed entitled Escanaba in Da Moonlight. Daniels stars in the role of Ruben Soady, known around town as the Buckless Yopper, who, at 43, has never barged a buck.

The madeap adventures take place on the eve of the 198 hunting season's opening day at the Soady family deer camp, armshackle place just outside Escanaba. The movie distinguished Escanaba is opening this weakend. Is it a nationwide release?

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Q: Escanda is opening this weekend. Is it a nationwide release weekend. Is it a nationwide release the sease of the sease

anne mevie. That was a great advantage.

Q: De you think it was too much to take on acting and directing?

A: My advisors, agents, everyone told me if I wasn't in the movie, forget about distribution.

So I said what the hell, let's jump in with both feet.

Q: Since the play had such a successful run at the Gem Theatre, a lot of people in the area familiar will the movie both the film.

A: Everybody who was in the original production at the Gem is in the film.

Q: Most of the cast and crew are from Michigan. I understand your loyalty to your home state, but wasn't that a bit of a risk, too?

A: It was a hure risk. How will

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A: It was a huge risk. How will the actors go from stage to film?
What about the crew? There is an industrial film industry in Michigan, but they haven't done 30 films like I have. I wen't for-

can't bag a deer. get hauling everyone up to Escanaba and staring at 55 faces wondering whether or not we could get this done, but it all worked. Harve Presnell (who plays the role of Albert Sondy) said it was the best darn crew he over worked with. That said a lot.

Escapades in Escapaba: Actor Jeff Daniels wrote,

directed and stars in the film version of his successful stage comedy about a northern Michigan hunter who

Q: The play is very character-based, were you able to capture that in the movie, too? A: I hang on Ruben a little more. When he's driving to camp, he's coming into two like he's the plague. People turn heir heads and look down. He's not just unlucky, he's cursed. In that way, I'm able to tell the story better on film. Q: Do you hunt? A: No. Never did. My wife's family did. Now venison jerky, I'll drive for that.

Q: What's next for you?
A: Bob Brown, who's from
Farmington, and I started this
Purple Rose Films. I'm finishing
a script that well start filmion
in the spring. It doesn't have a
name yet, but it's about a door to
door vacuum cleaner salesman.
Q: Where are you going to be
for the Michigan opening?
A: I may drop into Ann Arbor,
and there's a sneak preview in
Birmingham on the 26th. I like
to keep it low key, slip in the
back and watch them laugh.

Escanaba in Da Moonlight opened Friday, Jan. 26 at the Birmingham Theatre (for times call 248-64-3456), AMC Livo-nia, AMC Forum 30 in Sterling Heights, Brighton Cinemas in Brighton, Showcase Cinema West in Flint and the Quality 16 in Ann Arbor.

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