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**AWARD WINNING WEB SERIES *ONCE YOU LEAVE* A MUST SEE FOR SMART AUDIENCES**

**Austin, Texas (April 16, 2012)** – The web series *Once You Leave* recently won **Best Drama** and **Best Actress** (Kayla Olson) at the 2011 Indie Intertube Awards, **Bronze Awards** for Online Cinematography and Online Drama and a **Silver People's Award** at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Telly Awards and was named as an **Official Honoree** for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Webby Awards. It is also a featured first-run series on OneMoreLesbian.com.

*Once You Leave* is an independent multi-platform project that features a 12 episode web series, digital comic book, character blog, and exclusive behind-the-scenes videos. *OYL* is written, directed and produced by Emmy® Award winning producer, Nathan Locklear (*The Daytripper*). The series is co-produced by award-winning actress, Kayla Olson, who also plays the lead character; co-star Samantha Ireland, voice of C.T. on Rooster Teeth's *Red vs. Blue*; Jason Massey; Anita Garza; and critically acclaimed indie author Michele J. Hale, who is also contributing as an additional writer.

The web series focuses on a young woman's journey to find her place in the world. Lost and alone, Kayla must contemplate her next move. Where do you go when the road has run out? How did she get here? She retraces her steps, haunted by shadows of her past and confronted by demons in her present. On the road she must face the reality of lost, unrequited love, the dark hearts of men and dream-shattering disappointment. Will Kayla find the strength to go on, to find herself, to find her home? They say you can never go home again, Once You Leave.

In addition to the series is the award-nominated, multi-platform content including *Rachel Perkins Blog*. Perkins, played by TXRD Lonestar Rollergirl, Jacki Brinker, is already a fan favorite character. As the series opens, we see that Rachel has drowned, her death shrouded in mystery. The character blog tells the story of Rachel's journey in Kayla's absence and gives insight into the life and death of the young woman seen only in flashbacks throughout the series.

Rounding out the *OYL* story is the digital comic book, illustrated by Austin artist Karla Moya, which will be launching soon. The one-issue comic is a surrealistic look inside Kayla's journey. And finally, *Without You I Am Lost, the making of Once You Leave*, an exclusive behind-the-scenes series that takes the audience beyond the story to see what went into the making of the entire project.

*Once You Leave* has an award-nominated soundtrack as well, comprised mostly of musicians from Austin's eclectic music scene. Artists include Kacy Crowley, Stirling Johnson, Telegraph Canyon, Smoke and Feathers, Curt Locklear, MVP, Go to Stereo, Idgy Vaughn, Brian Kremer, Liz Simmons and Through the Eye.

"Moving, real and beautifully shot. [Once You Leave] is great Drama!" says **IndieIntertube.tv**, a podcast dedicated to all that is hot and streaming in the world of independent entertainment. "*Once You Leave* is a series for a smart audience. We love that [the series' creators] expect the audience to be present in the story and that story isn't spoon fed."

To find out more about the *Once You Leave* project please visit **OnceYouLeave.com**

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