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***My Uncle Rafael* coming to DVD and digital platforms on December 16**

Starring Missi Pyle, John Michael Higgins, Anthony Clark, Joe Lo Truglio
and Rachel Blanchard

And introducing Vahik Pirhamzei as "Uncle Rafael" -
the first Armenian Lead Character ever featured in a Major Motion Picture Comedy



My Uncle Rafael, the award-winning family comedy, stars Missi Pyle (*Gone Girl*, *The Artist*, *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*), John Michael Higgins (*Yes Man*, TV's "Happily Divorced"), Anthony Clark (*Yes, Dear*), Joe Lo Truglio (*Role Models*) and Rachel Blanchard (*Road Trip*).

Directed by former Spielberg protege Marc Fusco, the film introduces Armenian stage and TV star Vahik Pirhamzei whose successful stage play featuring the Uncle Rafael character serves as the inspiration for the movie. This is the first American comedy to have an Armenian lead character.

My Uncle Rafael follows a dysfunctional all-American family who is cast in a reality television show and must invite a stranger into their home-in this case an old Armenian uncle, who has one week to save them from falling apart.

"It's exciting bringing a character from a wildly successful stage play to the big screen, especially such a universal character as Uncle Rafael. Whether you're black, white, Hispanic, or Asian, you'll relate to him on some comedic level," said director Fusco. "As a country of immigrants, we've all known or met an 'Uncle Rafael' in our lives and probably even learned from him. In this case, he just happens to be Armenian."

At various international film festivals, **My Uncle Rafael** has won the coveted Audience Award, Best Director, Best Screenplay and Breakthrough Performance Award for Vahik Pirhamzei for playing both father and son as Uncle Rafael and Hamo.

"Rafael...elicits plenty of goofy chuckles. A largely fertile playground for the picture's comic ensemble." -- *Los Angeles Times*

"...a sweet and often funny creation." -- *New York Times*

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