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The Doctor Will See You Now...

We all have secrets we're dying to tell. The secret of *First Session*, Lonnie Martin's first short film, is out. The film's DC cast and crew premiere, open to the public, took place on May 11th, 2005 at The Avalon Theatre at 5612 Connecticut Avenue. The event began at 8:30 pm for a crowd of 250 anxious viewers. *First Session* followed a bill of mini-shorts, seven minutes or less, by cast and crew members. Local DC musician Alan Scott performed prior to the screenings.

First Session follows the emotional journey of a young therapist who has just learned her husband is having an affair and her relationship with a new patient who has a similar experience in his past. The likenesses they recognize in one another dangerously complicate what should be a strictly professional relationship.

"It's a film about secrets and how well we may or may not keep them. And how sometimes they have a way of revealing themselves whether we desire it or not," says Martin who wrote and directed the film. It's a story that crosses all boundaries, because we all have secrets...and we all wonder when they'll finally be told.

Martin is currently focusing on touring *First Session* around the film festival circuit. A second screening of the film will take place at the Avalon in DC on July 6th. More on *First Session* can be found at www.firstsessionmovie.com. Information on Lonnie and Ningen Manga Productions can be found at www.lonniemartin.com.