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THE short film 'Crashing the Wake', written and directed by local Omagh film-maker, Chris Baugh and Arnstein Dybvik, from Norway, is to premiere at the Belfast Film Festival.

Chris Baugh is proud of the film, which was shot in and around Omagh in October last year over seven days.

"I think that the screening will be a really exciting test of the film's merit. It will be very interesting to see how a Northern Irish audience responds to it. It is nice to be in competition, but I am also thrilled by the fact that we are able to screen the film for many of our peers in the Northern Ireland film community.

"It is also fantastic for me personally to be able to come home and screen alongside other local film-makers," he said.

Co-director Arnstein Dybvik is excited that the film will be competing opposite other Irish shorts in the festival.

"I had a great time in Ireland when shooting the film. It will be great to finally see the film judged by an Irish audience. A lot of the humour and characters are very 'Irish', and I am eagerly awaiting the audiences response."

The film revolves around

Frank McCabe's wake. His son, George, has decided to hold an open wake - where people can come and pay their respects.

Among these people is Jerry, Frank's former employee, who knows a thing or two about George and Frank, which other people don't. Jerry has been cut out of the will and is determined to use any means necessary to get back at both George and Frank.

Producer Chee Keong Cheung said it was great to be part of the Belfast Film Festival.

"We have been

overwhelmed by all the support we have received for this production from individuals and companies in Northern Ireland. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the film. Without their support this film would not have been possible," he said.

Public screenings of the film will take place in Omagh after the festival in April.

Information on the film by Intense Productions can be found on the website www.crashingthewake.com



Characters and crew during the filming of 'Crashing The Wake', the short film shot in and around the Omagh area in October last, which is to premiere at the Belfast Film Festival which runs from March 25 to April 2. SU1001RM