

Dilly Deblase

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Subject: Film Project at Chilmark Community Center

Hello Timothy,

I hope this note finds you well.

My name is Phil Keefe and I am reaching out after speaking with Dilly (cc'd) at the Town Hall about the possibility of conducting a very quick exterior shoot of the Community Center for a feature film that I am producing.

It's a small independent film and most of the production will take place in New York City and Long Island. But some of the story is set on Martha's Vineyard, so I am bringing out a small 4-man crew on 9/15 and 9/16 with the hope of quickly filming a handful of exterior shots that capture the beauty and authenticity of the island, including the beloved community center.

I have been coming to MV with family and friends since I was a kid. To me, it's the most special place in the world, and our priority is ensuring that we are super respectful to the island and to the Chilmark community. This is a special project for me because of the opportunity to represent the beauty and charm of a place that is very near and dear to my heart.

Per Dilly, it sounds as though the grant of release to film at the center needs approval by the community at a town meeting. With your blessing, we would love to get that process started so that we can make our 9/15 - 9/16 window.

Dilly also brought to my attention that the local schools will be using the facilities for classwork in September, so I have cc'd Superintendent Richie Smith and school Principal Susan Stevens. As a former middle school English teacher in Boston, I can assure you that we will be extra mindful about not disrupting school life, and will carry a very minimal footprint. We would be at the location for less than an hour, and we are happy to shoot on that Saturday (the 16th) if it is more convenient and amenable -- our goal is to be as unobtrusive as possible!

We would be so incredibly grateful for any support you could lend to this little passion project. If you need more information about the project or the shoot, I can be reached via this email or at this number 617 694 5415. I am also sharing a BIO of some of the film work I have done over the past few years below.

Thank you so much for reading and I look forward to hearing from you!

Phil Keefe

Originally from Boston, Phil Keefe got his BA in English from Fordham University and a Masters in Education from Boston College before getting into the Entertainment business. He began his career at Gran Via Productions, working with the producers of BREAKING BAD and BETTER CALL SAUL, and then went on to be a Film and TV executive at Burn Later Productions before turning independent. At Burn Later, he championed and produced the 2022 SXSW Grand Jury and Audience Award winning film I

LOVE MY DAD, now streaming on Hulu. In 2 years at the company, he produced five films, including PROVIDENCE, starring Joseph Gordon Levitt, Lily James, and Himesh Patel, which is currently in post-production.