

## *Art D'Alessandro Bio*

**Art D'Alessandro** was graduated summa cum laude from Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida where he was the recipient of both top prose and poetry writing awards. He co-founded and ran The Maile School, one of the southeast's most highly regarded talent schools for over 20 years before selling it in 2004. The school's alumni include Mandy Moore, Michael Winslow, Spencer Locke, Arielle Kebbel and two Miss Americas.

His love of film has led to over thirty screenplays bearing his name as writer, including "THE FINAL SEASON" starring Sean Astin, Powers Boothe, Tom Arnold and Rachael Leigh Cook. "SEASON" is a family film based on the true story of Norway, Iowa's vaunted high school baseball team and was directed by David Mickey Evans, "The Sandlot." TFS made its world premiere at the 2007 Tribeca Film Festival and hit 1,100 theaters nationwide on October 12, 2007 through Yari Film Group. TFS will be released on DVD on April 8 via Sony.

He also wrote and co-produced the indie thriller "ZZYZX", which won the "Best Feature Film" award at the Miami Independent Film & Music Festival (7/06) and was runner-up at Cenflo, the Central Florida Film Festival (9/06), and the Fyilmz Festival (2/07) in Nashville ([http://www.fyilmz.com/festival/winners\\_07.php](http://www.fyilmz.com/festival/winners_07.php)). "ZZYZX" is now available on DVD/Video.

D'Alessandro's "SHE DRIVES ME CRAZY", a script about sisters reconciling after years of estrangement, was produced in Canada by Shaftesbury Films and premiered on Lifetime on Sept. 30, '07.

The 1999 family comedy feature "ALL SHOOK UP", starring Sarah Chalke and the late Frank Gorshin, was an official selection of both the Florida Film Festival and the Aspen Comedy Arts Festival.

D'Alessandro recently directed the short "THE MESS" which hits the festival circuit in 2008 and currently has the following feature projects in development:

"Shorties" - Teen drama/thriller, Chase Chenowith, Producer, Atlanta

"Last Train Home" - Drama, MadCap Entertainment, L.A.; Velvet Octopus, Eng.;

"Lincoln's War" -- Teen Dramedy, Grand Illusions Entertainment, L.A.

"Dumb Luck" -- Cavu Pictures, NY

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