



**Filmmaker Tommy Stovall**

## Sedona Once Again **Lights** up the Big Screen

Award-winning filmmakers Tommy Stovall and Marc Sterling are gearing up for their second film, *Sedona*, and the duo has given *Sedona Monthly* an exclusive look at the making of the film. Every month we'll update you on the film's progress, including behind-the-scenes info on casting, filming and editing. *Sedona* follows *Hate Crime*, Tommy and Marc's first film, which won 10 awards, including the Audience Choice award at the 2005 Sedona International Film Festival. Tommy says the idea for the screenplay came while shooting *Hate Crime*.

"We were talking about all the interesting characters living in Sedona and how that would make a great TV series or movie," says Tommy. "I started writing in early 2007 and finished in early 2008, though it's never really finished until it's in the theater."

The film follows Sedona visitors as they experience Red Rock Country in the course of one day. While it's fictional, Tommy admits some of the characters are based on real-life Sedonians. *Sedona's* tone, which Tommy describes as fun and light-hearted, will be quite different from that of the edgy *Hate Crime*.

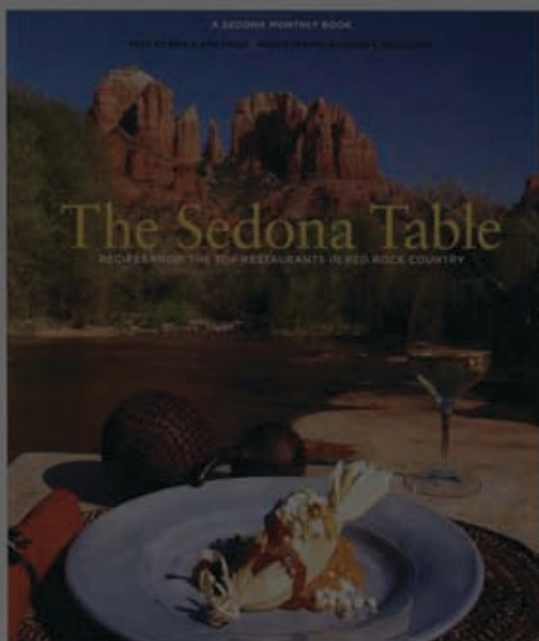
"As a filmmaker, I tend to get bored doing the same thing," he says. "I wanted to do something different."

Tommy and Marc are in the process of securing financing. The next step will be casting the film and, with 25 speaking roles and plenty of extras, the filmmakers plan on holding local auditions and working with Sedona's Zaki Gordon Institute for Independent Filmmaking. Filming, scheduled to begin in June, will take place entirely in Sedona and should take four to six weeks. Tommy wants to have the film finished for the 2010 Sedona International Film Festival.

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## Read 'em and Eat

April 18 – circle the date on your calendar twice! *Sedona Monthly* Editor-in-Chief Erika Ayn Finch and Publisher/Photographer Debbie Weinkauff will sign copies of their book, *The Sedona Table*, at The Well Red Coyote (3190 W. SR 89A in West Sedona; 928-282-2284) from 2-5 p.m. Chefs featured in the 192-page coffee-table cookbook will also be at the event, signing copies of the book and plying those in attendance with samples of recipes included in the book. Bring your appetite and a list of all the home chefs, foodies, wine lovers, photography buffs and Sedona groupies in your life – *The Sedona Table* makes a great gift. We look forward to seeing you there!



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