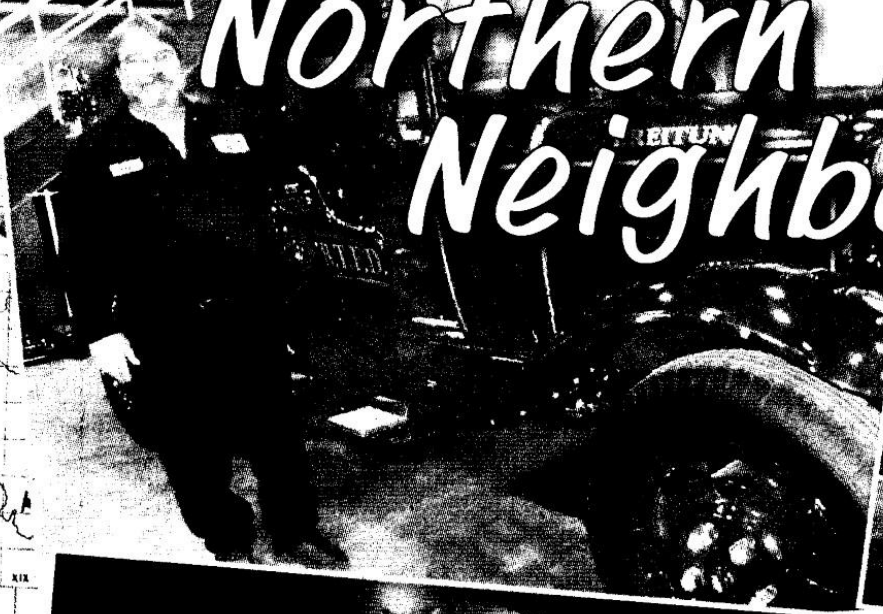


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Members of Lullskull Ltd., from left, Jason Hagen, Nathan Anderson, and Seth Anderson are pictured on the set of their most recent film project, entitled "Black," which was shot in Bandon, Ore. The Anderson brothers are Iron Mountain natives and will be back in the area this winter to shoot their new movie "Northstar."

IM brothers plan feature film in Upper Peninsula

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IRON MOUNTAIN — Iron Mountain natives Seth and Nathan Anderson, along with their production company partner Jason Hagen, will be returning home this winter to film their first full-length movie, "Northstar."

According to the movie synopsis, "Northstar" is about a group of survivalists who eke out their daily existence after a mysterious cataclysm has killed most of North America in a single day.

Seth pointed out that the Upper Peninsula during the winter is the perfect backdrop to this "survivalist action film with a science fiction twist."

"There is a quiet, yet dangerous quality to that time of year which is suggestive of many different scenarios," he said. "With 'Northstar,' we wanted to erase the illusionary safety net
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of civilization to see how people might cope when they are forced to rely on the land and their immediate neighbors again.”

Nathan agreed.

“The area offers the rugged winter landscape we were looking for,” he said. “It can be very dramatic and unforgivingly harsh when it wants to be.”

Both are excited to bring this project to their hometown.

Brothers Seth and Nathan, who now live in Los Angeles, spent their early childhood in different parts of the Midwest. Their parents, David and Marie Anderson, brought them to Iron Mountain when they were seven and six years old.

“I think it’s safe to say that Iron Mountain is the place we call home,” said Nathan.

The brothers showed creative skills early on. Seth started with music, while Nathan’s background is in drawing, oil painting, and photography.

After graduating from a home school program in 1998, they separately pursued film degrees: Seth at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Nathan at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design.

While at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Nathan first met Hagen, who was also studying film. The Andersons and Hagen then lived together in Los Angeles after they graduated from college.

“Living as roommates really ignited the creative fires,” said Hagen. “One day, Seth and Nathan shared with me a short script, ‘The Merciful Death of Jonas Blake,’ they had written and wanted to make. I took a look at it and slowly morphed into the film’s producer.”

The trio formed a production company called Lullskull Ltd., under which they have made many short films and music videos.

With “Northstar,” they will be breaking new ground.

“In terms of scale, this is the largest project we have ever worked on,” said Hagen. “This film will have many, many locations, a large ensemble and supporting cast, extras, action scenes, and large sets. This is the project we’ve been working toward.”

“Northstar” has been in progress for about five years now. Seth started by developing the story from a short script he had written in college.

By 2012, the Andersons and Hagen were scouting film locations in the Iron Mountain area and at the former K.I. Sawyer Air Force base in Marquette County. Possible locations include Millie Hill, Piers Gorge, the old Ford plant, the Fumee Lake area, and various downtown landmarks.

Work now is focused around securing financing for the film, creating storyboards and designs, and casting actors.

Hagen noted that they have received some strong interest for a few lead roles and soft attachments for major supporting roles from actors in Los Angeles and New York. There will also be openings for Michigan actors and extras, he added.

If all goes well, filming should start this February and the completed film should be ready sometime in 2015.


Anyone who is interested in getting involved with “Northstar” can go to an open house presentation on Saturday, Dec. 21 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Izzo-Mariucci Center in Iron Mountain.

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Promotional art work for the movie “Northstar” shows a winter scene. The post-apocalyptic adventure follows a group of hardened survivalists pitted against a shadowy military force. Two Iron Mountain brothers are shooting the full-length feature film in the Upper Peninsula.

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