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Film about Butte to premier on Jan. 17

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A new film about Butte premieres Jan. 17 at the Mother Lode Theatre in Uptown Butte.

"Butte, America," produced by Emmy-nominated director-producer Pamela Roberts and Butte writer Edwin Dobb, will follow its local premiere with screenings around Montana, according to an article in "State of the Arts." The project will also be broadcast nationally on PBS and on Montana public television next fall.

Narrated by Dublin-born actor Gabriel Byrne, the film tells the tale of the Mining City and the collision of industry and the frontier that occurred here in the early 1900s.

Roberts and photography director Erik Daarstad interviewed scholars, miners and their families. The film also includes period recreations, city scenes and landscapes in and around the area.

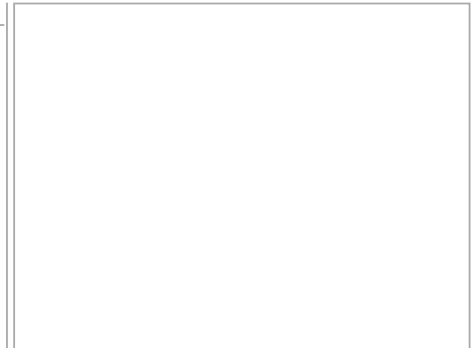
"What drew me to Butte's story most powerfully are the people of Butte," said Roberts, "and the town's unique and indomitable character as a community." Co-writer and co-producer Edwin Dobb contributed and collaborated on the project since its inception in 2000.

Roberts is the head of Rattlesnake Productions Inc., a Montana non-profit production company. She earned an Emmy nomination for production "Ishi, the Last Yahi," a one-hour National Endowment for the Humanities documentary that was broadcast on American Experience.

For tickets to the premiere, which starts at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17, call 491-1343.

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