

# ST. ROZ

Light a candle, lose a pound!



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LAMPORT-SHEPPARD ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS A FILM BY GREGORY SHEPPARD  
RACHEL WILSON VICTORIA SNOW "ST. ROZ" MICHAEL LAMPORT JONATHAN HIGGINS  
MICHELLE NOLDEN SARAH ALLEN TIM ROZON JANE EASTWOOD DAVID FOX  
CASTING BY STEPHANIE GORIN, CSA, CDC COSTUME DESIGNER LAURA MONTGOMERY PRODUCTION DESIGNER KATHLEEN CLIMIE  
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY JAMES GARDNER MUSIC BY RICHARD EVANS EDITOR MARLO MIAZGA BRENT MCCREADY  
PRODUCED BY GREGORY SHEPPARD MICHAEL LAMPORT MARYANN KOVALSKI  
WRITTEN BY MARYANN KOVALSKI DIRECTED BY GREGORY SHEPPARD  
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# SYNOPSIS

## TAGLINE

The miracle of St. Roz -- light a candle, lose a pound!

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## LOGLINE

The arrival of a statue with miraculous weight loss powers turns a small poor church into an international sensation.

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## SHORT

A statue with miraculous weight loss powers arrives unexpectedly in a poor parish church. "If you light a candle, you lose a pound" As word spreads, women arrive from all over the world. As the weight loss industry goes into free fall, the pressure mounts to rid the world of this troublesome saint.

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## MEDIUM

A statue with miraculous weight-loss powers arrives unexpectedly in a poor parish church. Local women discover if you light a candle, you lose a pound. Judy, the overweight daughter of the weight-loss queen Minnie Barr, discovers with delight the statue's powers. The pounds shed off her. As word of this miracle spreads, women arrive from all over the world. Money pours into the church. The statue is an international sensation. The press goes crazy. But Minnie's empire and the rest of the weight-loss industry go into free-fall as women abandon weight-loss and exercise clubs. Church and industry leaders conspire to remove the statue. An epic cat and mouse struggle ensues between the forces that want to protect St. Roz and those who are threatened by her.

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## LONG

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## TECH SPECS

78 mins, HD

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## GENRE

Comedy

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## PHOTOS



More photos available at <http://lamportsheppard.com/roz.php>



## VIDEO

Watch the trailer at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MtDD8-eGSmU> or scan the code to view on your SmartPhone.



# STATEMENTS

## DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

*Gregory Sheppard*

Maryann Kovalski's screenplay is a quirky, funny and very unusual story. It poked gentle fun at the church, the world's obsession with weight loss and the human need for quick fix. The premise-miracle weight loss by praying to a statue!

It was an overly ambitious script with a large cast and many locations. Some days we thought we had bitten off more than we could chew.

Fighting lack of money, too little time and too many locations we nonetheless got it made.

Nervously we submitted it to the film festivals. What a relief and joy it was to get some recognition, and most importantly lots of laughter from the audiences.

Hope you enjoy it and have a few laughs too.

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## WRITER'S STATEMENT

*Maryann Kovalski*

Since the day I met a scale, I've had an on-again, off-again relationship with about twenty-five pounds. The ride has shown me many worlds. I've been the girl with the hot body in the bikini at the beach and I've been admired with the classic line, "You look like a woman who enjoys her food."

Ravenous on yet another 'healthy eating plan', it occurred to me that Catholics have a saint for every possible affliction- except fat. If ever there was a void...

When I told my mother my idea for St. Roz she didn't smile. She said, "God will punish you for these ideas you get. But meanwhile, write that one down. It's funny."

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## PRODUCER'S STATEMENT

*Michael Lampert & Gregory Sheppard*

This wonderful script was sitting around (as wonderful scripts so often do) our offices as we continued to produce television shows for twenty-eight countries around the world. After threatening ourselves and others that we would break out into the theatrical movie universe, we decided to take this wonderful script and do just that! It was an amazing adventure, full of the usual ups and downs, but we finally put the script on the screen. We hope you enjoy this light-hearted comedy about weight-loss!



# CREW BIOS



## GREGORY SHEPPARD

*Director, Producer*

**Gregory Sheppard** is co-owner of Lampport-Sheppard Entertainment and is the producer and director of *Rescue Mediums* (7 seasons, airing around the world including Canada, USA and UK). He recently produced and directed the theatrical comedy *St. Roz* which has garnered the GOLD REMY for Best New Comedy at the Houston Worldfest Film Festival, BEST IN FEST at the Palm Beach Film Festival, and Opening Night film for TVIFF festival in California. Gregory has won silver and bronze lions in Cannes, Gold Hugo and in festivals throughout the US and Canada for his producing and directorial skills on television and commercials.

He has also produced and directed *In Your Wildest Dreams* (a pilot for Discovery USA), executive-produced *Curious and Unusual Deaths* which airs on Discovery Canada and C&I Network in the UK (Season Two of *Curious and Unusual Deaths* is in production) and directed and produced *Suite & Simple*, a travel show for CTV and Fine Living. He also executive-produced *Real Renos*, a critically-acclaimed television series on HGTV. He directed and produced a one-hour TV pilot *The Collectors* on the world of classic cars. He has executive-produced several other specials and documentaries. In addition to the three hundred plus commercials he has directed for The Partners Film Company, he produced and directed the award-winning short film *Paris Crew* and the period piece *The Privateer*. He also directed over 20 of the critically acclaimed *Heritage Minutes* for television.

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## MICHAEL LAMPORP

*Producer*

**Michael Lampport** is Executive Producer and partner in LAMPORP-SHEPPARD ENTERTAINMENT LTD. He produces the Internationally-acclaimed television series *Rescue Mediums*, seen in 28 countries around the world, as well as *In Your Wildest Dreams*, a dream analysis series in Canada and the USA. Most recently he has produced *Curious and Unusual Deaths* for Discovery Canada and the History Channel in the UK. In addition to his producing, he is the voice of the kids and tween's shows *Life's A Zoo*, *The Wombles*, *Ace Lightning*, *Maggie and the Ferocious Beast* and many more. His new theatrical release movie, *St. Roz*, hit the festival circuit and won many awards. His documentary experience has garnered many awards (Canadian Gemini, Gold Hugo) for *Offstage*, *The Disciples* and *The Right To Play*. He is also the host and producer of the travel series *Suite & Simple* for Fine Living in the USA and CTV in Canada.

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## MARYANN KOVALSKI

*Writer*

*St. Roz* screenwriter **Maryann Kovalski** was born and raised in the Bronx, which she believes gave her an early appreciation of the absurd. She attended parochial schools, further honing it, until she enrolled in the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan studying animation and illustration, where she learned to put it down on paper.

She worked as a free-lance illustrator before embarking on a two-year stay in Montreal that lasted over thirty years in Canada. During those years, she worked as an advertising art director and an illustrator, which evolved into a career as a children's book author/illustrator of over thirty books. During this time she worked on several screenplays.

"The picture book bears a similarity to a movie in that both are amalgams of word and picture and are similarly paced, though of course the picture book is much shorter," she says. Having the opportunity to do the animated titles was also a delight. "It was wonderful to be able to come full circle and finally get an animation job after all these years."

# CAST BIOS



## RACHEL WILSON

From the age of 12, Rachel has appeared in numerous films and television series, both in Canada and the US. From her breakout role in *Breaker High* – starring opposite Ryan Gosling – to starring roles in such films as *Mystery, Alaska, Anywhere But Here* and *The Glass House*, Rachel has worked with some of the top names in Hollywood. Most recently, Rachel starred in the Emmy-nominated miniseries *The Kennedys*, and just finished shooting the indie comedy *Unlucky* and *Certain Prey* for Lifetime Network. She is currently reprising her Gemini-nominated role as Dr. Nikki Rehnolds in the CBC series *Republic of Doyle*.

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## VICTORIA SNOW

Victoria has won two Gemini Awards and has been twice nominated for Gemini's for Best Actress. She has starred in many films including *Men With Brooms, The Piano Man's Daughter* and *Blaze* and has appeared on numerous television shows across North America including *Flashpoint, Queer As Folk* and *Paradise Falls*.

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## DAVID FOX

David has starred in over 25 films and hundreds of stage and television productions. Some of his films include *Grey Owl, The Saddest Music In The World* and the Academy Award winning film *Boys and Girls*. In theatre, he has received three Dora Awards for his performances and numerous other nominations for Best Actor on the stage and in his film and TV career.

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## JAYNE EASTWOOD

An original member of *The Second City* troupe and has been involved in outstanding comedy during her entire career. Some of her many films include *Chicago, Dawn of the Dead* and *Hairspray* and she has just completed filming of four others that are in post-production. She has starred in hundreds of TV series and has performed on stages across the world.

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## MICHAEL LAMPORT

Michael has starred in many MOW's including *The Adventures of Smoke Belliou* (where he performed this five part mini-series in English AND French) and is the voice of characters in the children's shows, *The Wombles, Maggie and the Ferocious Beast, Upstairs Downstairs Bears, Ace Lightning*, to name but a few. Michael has also starred in theatrical productions across the UK and North America.