

## Ukrainian Museum and Library of Stamford, Connecticut

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### Major Movie Filmed at Ukrainian Museum and College

During the week of August 14, St. Basil College and the Ukrainian Museum in Stamford, was the location for the filming of a major motion picture now being shot at various locations around Connecticut. The movie, starring Uma Thurman, best known for her roles in "Kill Bill" and "Pulp Fiction", will be released in the spring of 2007.

This film is being directed by Vadim Perelman, whose first film, "House of



Sand and Fog", brought him critical acclaim and Academy Award nominations for two of his actors. Mr. Perelman was born in Kyiv, Ukraine and emigrated to Canada with his mother, at the age of fifteen, after the tragic loss of

his father.

"In Bloom" is the current working title of the film based upon the novel, "The Life before Her Eyes", by Laura Kasischke. The story depicts the life of a young woman who experiences a Columbine type shooting in high school and follows her into maturity, at the age of forty, living an idyllic life in the suburbs. In the film, the lead character picks her daughter up at a Catholic girl's school with a circular driveway and a spacious front lawn. These scenes are shot in the Ukrainian Museum, St. Basil College, and the lawns of the college property.

St. Basil College and the Museum staff were most excited when the location and set directors arrived on Thursday, August 10 to transform the museum dining

rooms and porch into a classroom at an imaginary Catholic school. The back porch of the museum dining room became the location of the principal's office, while the faculty lounge of the college was the scene of a professor's office who is married to the lead character played by Uma Thurman. The front lawn of the museum, decorated with over two hundred white crosses depicted a dream sequence experienced by the lead character. After three days of preparation, the schedule was followed by three days of filming with the cast.

During the actual filming, the actors were quartered in the lounge area of St.



Basil College. The college dining room was host to forty child actors playing students at the imaginary school. The main auditorium was the scene where hundreds of crew and extras were fed each day between filming. Following the

shooting in August, the production company will return in September for one more day of filming in the college corridors and post production editing and catering.

It has been a rewarding and enjoyable experience to share the campus of St. Basil College and Ukrainian Museum with the production company and the public community. Other Connecticut locations involved in the actual filming will be Norwalk Community College, street scenes in South Norwalk, and school scenes in New Haven.