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Corner Gas star Brent Butt promotes new film No Clue

Feature film by Brent Butt opens Friday

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Brent Butt, the pride of Tisdale, Sask., and star of the hit television series *Corner Gas*, is back in the spotlight with a new film that opens Friday.

The movie, *No Clue*, while a comedy, has a sharper edge than the gentle humour of Butt's TV show.

"*No Clue* is a comedic murder mystery," Butt told CBC Radio Host Sheila Coles in an interview for *The Morning Edition*. "It's a comedic movie, but I didn't want to do a zany wacky kind of bumbly comedy. I wanted to do a real, kind of dark gritty thriller."

Butt, 47, wrote the script for film which co-stars Amy Smart and David Koechner. Smart is known for her work in *The Butterfly Effect* and *Road Trip*. Koechner has worked on the *Anchorman* films and numerous other comedies.

Butt said *No Clue* pays homage to detective-based movies that centre around characters and crime.

"I'm a big fan of the film noir genre and murder mysteries so I wanted to do something true to that genre," Butt said.

He also has a producer credit for the project, which was filmed in B.C.

"It was always something I wanted to do, ever since I was a little kid," he said. "I knew I wanted to try and make a movie. So when the opportunity presented itself and I started writing, I just dove into it."

Work on the script, he said, was especially challenging.

"It was incredibly laborious writing this script," he said. "I usually write late at night so you know I'd be down in my basement office like three in the morning like kind of screaming at myself because I've just written nine pages and realized it doesn't work because of a small little story point. That's where the heavy lifting really is for me. In anything I do really, the writing is the heavy lifting. The performing is the fun part."



Amy Smart and Brent Butt star in the movie 'No Clue' which opens Friday. (Publicity Poster for 'No Clue')

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RHoltlander

We shall see. If it opens, as is typical of Canadian films, in just a few theatres it won't be much of a success. Unfortunately, it comes down to distribution whether a film is successful or not even if it's a good film. Of course, if it's not a good film then no amount of distribution and marketing does any good.

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Grey Owl

I wish him well, but he should of never walked away from comer gas. He really had something there he should of done at least 10 seasons with it. Nothing he has done since then could be considered anything but a failure. What ever that show he did after comer gas was just brutal, really really brutal. Maybe this will be better but I am not holding my breath.

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Nucksfan

@Grey Owl I have to agree. He should have beaten Comer Gas to death. Though perhaps CTV pulled the plug on him.

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Don't forget Amy Smart's wonderful part in Crank. She was amazing ;)

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Uhh huh. Can this guy get any non funnier....oh wait..maybe!

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