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ALERT! BEWARE OF “FLYING PUMPKINS”

So you didn't think pumpkins could fly? Think again. Would you believe nearly a mile?

Since 1986 on the first weekend after Halloween, men and women, girls and boys have flocked to a field in Sussex County, Delaware to launch pumpkins in a friendly competition that has become a legend around the world.

FLYING PUMPKINS, THE LEGEND OF PUNKIN CHUNKIN from director Costa Mantis is the feature documentary that follows 20 diverse teams for one year as they build their dream machines for the annual “chunk.” Meet the folks who started it all and the passionate people of all ages, shapes and sizes who follow in their footsteps to make the pumpkin pilgrimage every November – to make pumpkins fly!

Meet Dr. Steve Siegars. He's a dentist from New Hampshire. With a lot of help from family and friends, he has built Yankee Siege, a trebuchet of welded scrap steel that stands over six stories tall. Meet Bruce Bradford. He's an ironworker from Michigan. He and his family and friends have built an air cannon with a barrel 150' long and holds the world distance record with a throw of over 4,400'. Meet the town councilman, the naturalist and the microbiologist from New Jersey who built a ferocious catapult. Meet BJ and Stephanie, an all womens team from Delaware. Meet the Orthodox high schoolers from the Bronx. Meet the Boy Scouts, the software engineers, the IT guys, the shrink, the little girls from Vermont – and all the good old boys and girls who started it all.

If you're looking for fun, look no further. If you like to laugh, you've come to the right place. If you didn't think pumpkins could fly, you need to think again.

Feeling down? Concerned about the economy? Frustrated with the war? Confused about the election? You might just need to spice up your day with a shot of some good old-fashioned down-home punkin pie. With any luck, you might even get a new attitude. Good luck. Just watch out for **FLYING PUMPKINS!**

You can find out more, like screenings, festivals, trailers, music videos and how to buy a DVD all on the website www.flyingpumpkinsthemovie.com. Please have fun – and tell all your friends about **FLYING PUMPKINS!** Thanks.

Running time: 88 minutes

Format: HDV

Shot on location: Multiple Canon XH-A1's; PhantomHD; 1080i/24F

Writer/Producer/Director: Costa Mantis

Composer: Adam Giacobuzzi