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## Tupelo Film Fest Review

### *Greetings From The Shore*

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In the summer sometimes you just need something light and fun. *Greetings From The Shore* is just that. Greg Chwerchak co-wrote (with Gabrielle Berberich) and directed this delightful coming of age film. A young girl, Jenny, played by newcomer Kim Shaw spends one last summer after high school at the Jersey Shore after the death of her father. Shaw's all-American girl next door looks compliment her love interest, seemingly bad boy Benicio (played by David Fumero). Soap fans will recognize Fumero as Cristian on *One Life To Live*. The collective sighs of the women in the room (this one included) as soon as he appeared on screen makes me guess that he won't go hurting for acting work anytime soon. (I really could spend about an hour writing about how lovely he is... but I will stop).

The storyline is predictable but still a fun ride. Girl meets working class boy. Finds love. Finds herself after the loss of her father. Connects with father-like figure Catch Turner (masterfully played by Paul Sorvino). Sub-plot involves Benicio and friends trying to get their work permits and Benicio's own desire to become an artist and escape the life he is living. That dream of escaping their past bonds the two.

The cinematography by Mike Mickens is strong, with some much prettier than the real Jersey Shore shots that make those of us landlocked folks sigh wishing for the ocean shore.

Jay O. Sanders plays his normally macho self as the antagonist. He's as always devilish and yet still captivating. The other stand out performer is Lars Arentz-Hansen, a Norwegian actor that also was in Chwerchak's *The Quarry*.

The movie's been winning a few awards including the Tupelo Film Festival's Best Feature (second place). The film is set to release in August! It seems the perfect film for 16-30 year old women.