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**Award-winning short film *Hacker* comes to Atlanta, GA**

ATLANTA, GA, September 29, 2019 - The Atlanta Film Society is hosting a screening of the new, award-winning thriller, *Hacker* at Midtown Art Cinema on Friday November 1, 2019.

*Hacker* follows an agoraphobic hacker, Avery, as he begins a new job with Drake-O Industries. Despite the job being less than a challenge, Avery discovers that the company holds a dangerous secret. His discovery, however, brings not only him closer to danger, but also his family.

Avery's discovery brings him in battle with his agoraphobia and his want to be with his family. The CEO of Drake-O Industries threatens Avery's peace and threatens to harm Avery and his family if he doesn't cooperate. Avery must conquer his fears in order to escape his fortress-like home and join his family on the outside.

The film explores the adverse effects of agoraphobia and treatment options for those suffering from it. It also harkens back to the importance of friends and family. Avery's quest encourages facing one's fears and leaning on family in times of need.

The screening at Midtown Art Cinema is part of *Hacker's* campaign to urge 25 towns across the country to become "Hacker Towns" by the end of 2019. Doing so would require Atlanta to seek avenues in which to offer those without insurance low-cost or free treatment to combat social anxiety disorders akin to agoraphobia. Cities including Washington, DC and San Francisco, as well as New York have already implemented similar policies to assist those suffering with such conditions.

The Atlanta Film Society recognizes the importance of combating social anxiety disorders. 15 million people in the U.S. suffer from social anxiety. The Atlanta Film Society's mission is to connect, educate, and engage audiences with the creative industry by supporting artists and providing a platform for their work. We champion cultural discovery, foster artistic growth, and advocate for diverse voices in film and media arts, both locally and worldwide.

Screening Date: Friday November 1, 2019  
Screening Time: 7:00PM  
Screening Location: Midtown Art Cinema  
Admission/Suggested Donation: \$10

This event is open to the public.

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