

## Realizing Family as Truth! Audio Film Review of ‘Relative’

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Rating: **4.5/5.0**

CHICAGO – Patrick McDonald of HollywoodChicago.com audio film review on “Relative,” the latest film from Chicago-based filmmaker Michael Glover Smith. Its theatrical release begins on June 8th (click links) at [Music Box Theatre](#) [18] and on June 10th at [Gene Siskel Film Center](#) [19], and will expand from there.

Writer/director Michael Glover Smith gathers an ensemble cast that portray the Frank family, anchored by Dad David (Francis Guinan) and Mom Karen (Wendy Robie). Their youngest son Benji (Cameron Scott Roberts) is graduating from a nearby university, and the entire Frank clan will be gathering at their Chicago family home to celebrate. The oldest son Rod (Keith D. Gallagher) still lives in the basement, having left his marriage to Sarah (Heather Chrisler). Clare Cooney is Evonne, going through a marriage and mental stability crisis with her wife Lucia (Melissa Duprey). And rounding out crew is Norma (Emily Lape), whose nostalgic longing might not match what is currently going on. When Benji meets Hekla (Elizabeth Stam) by sheer chance, he takes a risk with his crush and invites her to the graduation party. With everyone at the event dealing with transitions, their interaction s sure to reveal some necessary truth.



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*“Relative” is in select theaters beginning June 8th (click links above). Featuring Wendy Robie, Francis Guinan, Cameron Scott Roberts, Elizabeth Stam, Keith D. Gallagher, Emily Lape, Melissa DuPrey and Clare Cooney. Written and directed by Michael Glover Smith. Not Rated.*



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