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COURTESY OF CNGM PICTURES

Director Michael P. Noens, left, with Austin Griffith, director of photography, on the set of "Sleep to Dream."

Filmmakers work to make their flick a commercial hit

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A feature film made by a group of up and coming filmmakers with CNGM Pictures, based in Palatine, has captured its second award at a national film festival.

"Sleep to Dream," was named "best college film," at the Flint Film Festival earlier this month. In 2004, the film's original 10-minute short version, won "best horror film" at the International Microcinema Film Festival in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Now, the 60-minute thriller awaits its next test: commercial distribution.

With both awards under its belt, the young filmmakers are in the process of getting a DVD of the movie ready to market. It will be available sometime after Tuesday, Nov. 11 on their Web site (CNGM-Pictures.com) and toward the end of the month on Amazon.com.

"Sleep to Dream" also made

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# Sweet sensation

*Arlington Heights native follows her candy dream*

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When Chris Kadow-Dougherty was 3 years old, she packed a bag and announced she was running away and moving into a candy store down the street.

That's how much she loved candy then. And she still loves it that much today.

Kadow-Dougherty, an Arlington Heights native, spent 15 years working in the non-profit sector before deciding to switch careers a few years ago. She enrolled in the Chicago

French Pastry School and today makes her own candy and owns her own business. The business, called Whimsical Candy, has a signature product called La-Dee-Dahs — candy basically described as swirls of caramel, nougat and chocolate.



PHOTOS COURTESY CHRIS KADOW-DOUGHERTY

Arlington Heights native Chris Kadow-Dougherty owns Whimsical Candy, which makes 900 boxes of candy per month.



Whimsical Candy in Chicago specializes in La-Dee-Dahs — swirls of caramel, nougat and chocolate — which sell for \$6 for a three-pack box.

"One day I woke up with the idea for La-Dee-Dahs in my head," she said. "When I was in school I would experiment with nougat and the perfect balance of salty and sweet and this just came to me."

Kadow-Dougherty makes about 900 boxes of candy a month. Each box sells for \$6 for a pack of three.

Kadow-Dougherty was one of the final Arlington High School students. The school closed before she graduated and she went on to graduate

from Rolling Meadows High School. These days Kadow-Dougherty works out of a shared kitchen and lives in Chicago.

La-Dee-Dahs are sold at several places in the city. Urban Harvest in downtown Arlington Heights is one of the few suburban locations. Others include Camp Willow in Park Ridge, Cabernet & Co. in Glen Ellyn and Naperville, and Moveable Feast in Geneva.

For more information, visit [www.whimsicalcandy.com](http://www.whimsicalcandy.com).



Whimsical Candy in Chicago produces La-Dee-Dahs, which are made in a shared kitchen in Chicago, using fair trade, sustainably grown chocolate from Venezuela.