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FINNISH ROCK MUSIC DOCUMENTARY "FAMILY MEETING" IN THEATRES, PREMIERE NOV 2nd 2007

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FAMILY MEETING tells a unique story about people behind music. The film was shot during the fall 2006, in and around the 20th anniversary concert of the Wentus Blues Band, also on their home turf in Ostrobothnia, Finland. It's a delicious mash-up of backstage life and passionate stage performances. The film features an impressive line-up of rock and blues legends, such as Eddie Kirkland and Louisiana Red, ex-Rolling Stone Mick Taylor, Kim Wilson from the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Omar Dykes from Omar & The Howlers, Barrence Whitfield – lead singer of The Savages, Sven Zetterberg and Clas Yngström from Sweden, Eric Bibb, plus Lazy Lester from the States, deep south. All of the above-mentioned guests have a long history with the Wentus Blues Band. The film is about the family meeting of these musicians, where cotton and potato fields, joy, tolerance, and above all the immortal, shared moments within the Blues are intertwined.

Family Meeting is not only an extraordinary film of what being a musician is really about, but it also captures valuable essentials about music from the cultural history standpoint: play that you feel, feel that you play!

The film is directed by Heikki Kossi, and produced by Mokul Filmi Oy. FS-Film Oy takes care of the theatre distribution. The film has been funded by the Finnish Film Foundation, AVEK, Svenska Kulturfonden, YLE FST5, SVT Sveriges television and the City of Kokkola.

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PRODUCTION INFO of FAMILY MEETING

Director:	Heikki Kossi
Cinematographer:	Heikki Färm
Additional cinematographers:	Tahvo Hirvonen Marita Hällfors Timo Heinänen Olli Varja Peter Flinkenberg Tuomo Hutri
Lighting:	Olli Varja, Ilkka Paloniemi
Scenographer:	Kalle Nurminen
Editor:	Tuuli Kuittinen
Sound:	Heikki Kossi
Production:	Robban Hagnäs & Heikki Kossi, /MOKUL FILMI OY
Legth of the film:	84 minutes
Language:	English, Swedish, Finnish
Screening format:	35 mm film
Sound:	5.1. dolby digital