IMTA ALUM SEANN WILLIAM SCOTT: JUST BEFORE I GO

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In Just Before I Go, IMTA alum Seann William Scott plays Ted Morgan, an unfulfilled everyman



who has decided that what life has to offer isn't much. He gets motivated for the first (and the last) time to do himself in, but not before facing the people back in his hometown who he feels are responsible for the hollow man he has become. But Ted soon discovers that he's not the only one who has faced difficulty and made mistakes in life and, just when Ted Morgan decides to kill himself, he finds a reason to live.

Just Before I Go is the directorial debut of "*Friends*" and "*Cougar Town*" star Courtney Cox. "I wanted to direct this particular movie because it makes you laugh out loud," Cox said. "It's really, really funny and it's also really touching." In addition to Scott, the film also stars Olivia Thirlby, Kate Walsh, Elisha Cuthbert, Rob Riggle, Garrett Dillahunt, Kyle Gallner and Evan Ross.

Scott, whose film career took off after playing the smirking Stifler from the 1999 teen sex comedy *American Pie*, received critical acclaim for his portrayal of the lead character in *Just Before I Go* following its premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival last year. Many critics noted the departure from his typical juvenile characters to a maturing actor, such as the review from Shockya.com: "[Cox's] ease at helming also helped Scott finally



prove his own enthralling range as a performer who can contend with serious issues, while also showcasing his signature comedic side."

"I've never been at that moment in my career where I've been so successful that offers kept pouring in. I like the fact that I have to fight to get good parts," said Scott, who came to IMTA with Caryn International. "The fact that I get to be in movies is incredible. I've never felt like I really made it because I'm so driven. I know the kinds of movies I'd like to make and I haven't really been able to make those movies yet."

But fans should not fear that Scott has left behind the type of roles that made him a star. He recently revealed that he would be reprising his role as ice hockey enforcer Doug "The Thug" Glatt in *Goon* 2, a sequel to the underrated 2011 sports action comedy. "We start shooting *Goon* 2 in mid-June, and if everybody does their jobs and we execute the amazing script that Jay [Baruchel] and his co-writer wrote, the movie would be wicked."