

BRIGHTLIGHT PICTURES CAPTURES 26 LEO NOMINATIONS

VANCOUVER, April 29, 2008 – A slate of seven recent feature films and television productions produced by Brightlight Pictures and its principals, Stephen Hegyes and Shawn Williamson, have been nominated for a whopping 26 Leo Awards.

“These nominations showcase the depth of talent in B.C.’s film and television scene,” says Williamson, “and we are proud to be an integral part of this industry.”

THEY WAIT, produced by Andrew Koster, Shawn Williamson and Stephen Hegyes and directed by Ernie Barbarash, is nominated for Best Feature Length Drama and Best Picture Editing in a Feature Length Drama (Lisa Jane Robinson).

WHITE NOISE 2: THE LIGHT is nominated for Best Cinematography in a Feature Length Drama (Brian Pearson), Best Overall Sound in a Feature Length Drama (Darren Brisker, Paul Sharpe, Iain Pattison, Kevin Belen), and Best Sound Editing in a Feature Length Drama (Anke Baker, James Wallace, Brian Campbell, David Scott and Evan Kraushar).

AMERICAN VENUS is nominated for Best Musical Score in a Feature Length Drama (James Jandrisch).

IN THE NAME OF THE KING: A DUNGEON SIEGE TALE is nominated for Best Picture Editing in a Feature Length Drama (David Richardson, Paul Klassen, Grace Yuen), Best Production Design in a Feature Length Drama (James Stewart) and Best Costume Design in a Feature Length Drama (Toni Ellen Rutter, Carla Hetland).

THE GUARD, the hit Global series co-produced with Halifax Films, received nominations for four cast members: Steve Bacic for Best Lead Performance by a Male in a Dramatic Series, Claudette Mink for Best Lead Performance by a Female in a Dramatic Series, Ryan Robbins for Best Supporting Performance by a Male in a Dramatic Series, and Julie Patzwald for Best Supporting Performance by a Female in a Dramatic Series.

ABOUT A GIRL's Chiara Zanni is nominated for Best Performance or Host (s) in an Information or Lifestyle Series, and the series also received a nomination for Best Musical Score in an Information or Lifestyle Series.

NORMAL, written and directed by Carl Bessai, who produced with Andrew Boutilier, is a Submission Films and Raven West Films production. Shawn Williamson and Stephen Hegyes are executive producers of the film, which has been honoured with 11 Leo nominations. **NORMAL**'s nominations are for: Best Feature Length Drama, Best Direction in a Feature Length Drama (Bessai), Best Screenwriting in a Feature Length Drama (Bessai), Best Cinematography in a Feature Length Drama (Bessai), Best Picture Editing in a Feature Length Drama (Lisa Binkley), Lead Performance by a Male in a Feature Length Drama (Callum Keith Rennie), Lead Performance by a Male in a Feature Length Drama (Tygh Runyan), Lead Performance by a Female in a Feature Length

Drama (Camille Sullivan), Best Supporting Performance by a Male in a Feature Length Drama (Cameron Bright), Best Supporting Performance by a Female in a Feature Length Drama (Britt Irvin), and Best Supporting Performance by a Female in a Feature Length Drama (Lauren Lee Smith).

Brightlight Pictures develops, finances and produces independent feature films and television projects for the domestic and international marketplace. Company principals Stephen Hegyes and Shawn Williamson have produced over 70 productions in the last 10 years and over 30 productions since the launch of the company in 2001. *White Noise*, starring Michael Keaton, has grossed more than \$100 million since it opened in January 2005. Recent BLP productions include the sequel, *White Noise 2: The Light*; *American Venus*, starring Rebecca DeMornay; *Dungeon Siege: In the Name of the King*, starring Jason Statham; *They Wait*, starring Jaime King; and the upcoming *Far Cry*; and *Man on the Run*, filmed on location in Northern Ireland and starring Jim Sturgess and Ben Kingsley. BLP is also a leading service producer. For Nu Image/Millennium Films and Emmett Furla Films, BLP line-produced *88 Minutes*, starring Al Pacino, and *Wicker Man*, starring Nicolas Cage. BLP also line produced the upcoming *Possession*, starring Sarah Michelle Gellar; and *Passengers*, starring Anne Hathaway; as well as the Fox 21 series *Saved*. The company is currently in production with the second season of the hit Global TV series, *The Guard*, and *Stormworld*, a sci-fi series filming in Australia. More information about Brightlight Pictures can be found at www.brightlightpictures.com.

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