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George Takei, Mr. Sulu from "Star Trek" Fame, To Make Guest Appearance On ALIENATED TV Series.

(VANCOUVER, BC) – Shawn Williamson and Steve Hegyes, Principals and Producers of Brightlight Pictures, are pleased to announce that George Takei, best known for playing Mr. Sulu in the acclaimed television and film series Star Trek, will be making a guest appearance on ALIENATED, a television series that is currently shooting in Victoria, BC.

George Takei will be portraying himself as he visits the Blundells – a Victoria, B.C. family trying to cope with the bizarre and often sexual side effects of their alien abductions. Tabloids publish the news of the families' abduction, and sci-fi fans travel to Victoria to meet the family. George Takei also visits the Blundells but to provide his own personal support and advice on dealing with science fiction fans.

George Takei will be filming ALIENATED in Victoria, B.C. until Sunday, October 19, 2003. ALIENATED is a half-hour, sci-fi comedy series written and directed by Mark Sawers, produced by Cynthia Chapman and executive produced by Brightlight Pictures. ALIENATED is shot in an observational style that provides the intimate feel of a reality series. The series was funded in part by CHUM Television, stations SPACE: The Imagination Station, and The New VI. The first season of ALIENATED is airing this fall in B.C. on The New VI (Cable 12) on Thursdays at 9:30 pm (PST).

Brightlight Pictures, a feature film and television production company based in Vancouver, B.C., develops, finances and produces independent feature films and television projects for the domestic and international marketplace. Company principals and producers, Stephen Hegyes and Shawn Williamson, have produced over 50 productions in the last 10 years, including Bruce Sweeney's "Last Wedding" which opened the 2001 Toronto International Film Festival and starred Molly Parker and "Alone in the Dark" starring Christian Slater, Stephen Dorff, and Tara Reid, and "House of the Dead", which is currently in release throughout North America.

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