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Star Trek Legend George Takei to Appear on the Canadian Sci-Fi Series, ALIENATED.

(Vancouver, B.C.) - George Takei, one of the original cast members on the "Star Trek" series, will take the Canadian spotlight in a guest appearance on the Brightlight Pictures television series, ALIENATED. The episode will air on SPACE: The Imagination Station, April 20, 2004 at 10:30 EST/ 7:30 PST.

In ALIENATED's third episode of the new season, the Blundell family find themselves featured on the front page of a supermarket tabloid. Suddenly, they're surrounded by people eager to be abducted and willing to pay for a night in the garage, to make sure it happens. George Takei, appearing as himself, takes matters into his own hands and offers to purchase the home. Experienced in the ways of other universes, Takei persuades the alien junkies to pack up and leave.

As an original member of the Star Trek cast through his portrayal of Mr. Sulu, Takei is recognized worldwide as legend in the acclaimed series. Takei has appeared in over 30 feature films and guest starring roles in television over the course of his career. Some of his most recent work includes numerous voice-overs and narration in "The Simpsons" and Disney's animated feature "Mulan". In 1986, Takei was inducted into the Hollywood walk of fame.

Filmed in Victoria, BC, ALIENATED features Canadian actors such as the rising star Iris Graham ("Romeo", "John Doe", "Come Together"); Sarah Jane Redmond ("Smallville", "Dark Angel"); Jonathan Whittaker ("Chicago", "Virgin Suicides"); Campbell Lane ("3000 Miles To Graceland", "Along Came A Spider"); and Andrew Robb ("School of Life", "Dreamcatcher"). The series is produced by Cynthia Chapman, whose credits include product of the LEO award-winning historical documentary "Guinea Pig Club" that filmed in England and across Canada. ALIENATED was created by Mark Sawers who also serves as executive producer along with Steve Hegyes and Shawn Williamson of Brightlight Pictures. The series was funded in part by CHUM Television station's SPACE: The Imagination Station and The New VI.

About Mark Sawers

With more than a dozen years in the industry, Sawers' writing and directing credits are impressive. His work titled "Shoes Off!" won Best Short Film in the International Critics Week section of the 1999 Cannes Film Festival, and three of his early short works garnered Genie nominations for Best Live Action Short Drama. His other directing credits include the 1996 independent feature, "Best Wishes, Mason Chadwick", as well as episodes of several television series, including "The Kids in the Hall". He is currently developing several film and television projects through his company, Driftwood Productions, including the Sci-fi feature, "Jimmy Redux".

About Brightlight Pictures

A feature film and television production company based in Vancouver and Victoria, BC, Brightlight Pictures 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 "The Long Weekend", a Canada / UK co-production between Brightlight Pictures and Gold Circle Films UK starring Chris Klein and Brendan Fehr. Brightlight Pictures is currently line producing "Edison" for Millennium Films and Emmett Furla Films starring Kevin Spacey, Morgan Freeman, LL Cool J and Justin Timberlake.

About SPACE: The Imagination Station

Through CHUM Television's ongoing support of Canadian Independent productions, SPACE: The Imagination Station has been a major contributor to the success of series such as "Tracker", "Lexx: The Series", "Relic Hunter", Gene Roddenberry's "Earth: Final Conflict", "First Wave", "The Immortal", "Starhunter" and "Beastmaster". Feature length films include "Ginger Snaps" and "Top of the Food Chain". Documentaries include "The Shag Harbour UFO Incident", "What If: A Film About Judith Merrill" and "Ghoulies and Ghosties - West Coast Ghosts".

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