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Brightlight Pictures "Mob Princess" is Front Row Center at the 2004 Leo Awards

(Vancouver, B.C.) - The Brightlight Pictures / Nightingale Company production "Mob Princess" swept eight nominations in this year's Leo Awards for Best Feature Length Drama in the categories of: Best Picture Editing, Best Overall Sound, Sound Editing, Musical Score, Production Design, Lead Performance By A Male, Supporting performance By A Male And Supporting Performance By A Female. The locally produced film features lead Canadian acting talent Keegan Connor Tracy, Michael Moriarty, and director, Mina Shum.

The 6th annual Leo Awards will recognize the stars of BC film and television in Vancouver on May 28th and 29th, 2004. Of 16 award categories, "Mob Princess" has been nominated in eight categories. Brightlight Pictures Principal and Producer Stephen Hegyes couldn't be happier; "This is a really fantastic opportunity to bring recognition to Canadian talent from both the director's chair and on the acting front. I'm confident the film will do well in these eight categories."

The Best Feature Length Drama is classified as "a motion picture that represents a complete story in a single program of at least 75 minutes in length whose main audience is that of a Canadian broadcaster, or whose main audience and initial distribution is theatrical," (www.leoawards.com). David Ostry has been nominated for Best Picture Editing, Kelly Cole, Bill Mellow, and Hugh de la Cerda have been nominated for Best Overall Sound, Kevin Townsend, Steve Smith, Mike Paprocki, and Jay Cheetham have been nominated for Sound Editing, Patric Caird has been nominated for Musical Score, Rachel O'Toole has been nominated for Production Design, Bruce Ramsay has been nominated for Lead Performance By A Male, Michael Moriarty has been nominated for Supporting Performance By A Male, and Gabrielle Rose has been nominated for Supporting Performance By A Female.

The Brightlight Pictures production "House of the Dead" also captured a nomination for Best Make Up by Bill Terezakis. "House of the Dead" was released by Artisan last fall. "We are so pleased with the work done by the local crew on this project and it's great to see Bill and his team being recognized for their outstanding job," adds Shawn Williamson, Principal and Producer, Brightlight Pictures Inc.

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.

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