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**ASTRAL MEDIA THE HAROLD GREENBERG FUND'S SCRIPT PROGRAM
SUPPORTS 17 NEW PROJECTS**

Toronto, March 23, 2009 – Astral Media The Harold Greenberg Fund is pleased to announce its latest round of funding for 17 new and ongoing projects through its **Script Development Program**.

The Fund's most recent round includes 3 new story optioning projects – *The Diary of Laura's Twin*, *Sailor Girl* and *True Love Lies* – as well as several previously-supported scripts.

"We're thrilled to be involved in all of these projects, including Blake Corbet's *Mighty Lion*, Andrea Blundell's *Oma* and S. Wyeth Clarkson's *Red Coat Justice*, all three of which we have supported through earlier phases of development," said John Galway, President, English-Language Program, Astral Media The Harold Greenberg Fund.

In keeping with its ongoing commitment to quality storytelling, The Fund will also be sponsoring this year's Genie Award for Original Screenplay.

"The Fund/Le Fonds is delighted to have supported 13 Genie-nominated films, including all five of the nominees for this year's Best Motion Picture Award: *Amal*, *Ce qu'il faut pour vivre*, *Normal*, *Passchendaele* and *Tout est parfait*," continued Galway. "As a proud investor of Canadian films, we look forward to the successes of this new and exciting crop of projects currently in development."

Projects approved this quarter include:

SCRIPT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Story Optioning

The Diary of Laura's Twin

pUNK Films Inc.

Screenwriter: Laura Phillips

Sailor Girl

Markham Street Films Inc.

Screenwriter: Johanna Schneller

True Love Lies

Sudden Storm Entertainment Ltd.

Screenwriter: Brad Fraser

First Draft

True Love Lies

Sudden Storm Entertainment Ltd.
Screenwriter: Brad Fraser

De Niro's Game

Strada Films Inc.
Screenwriter: Mike Dowse & Gordon Skilling

Second Draft**Neuromancer**

Fire Development Inc.
Screenwriter: Domenico Silvaggio

Temple Alone

Reunion Pictures Inc.
Screenwriter: Michael Parker

On a Good Day

Etch Media Inc.
Screenwriter: David Schultz

The Bad Life

Slanted Wheel Entertainment Inc.
Screenwriter: Esta Spalding

Propaganda

Javelin Pictures Inc.
Screenwriter: Karl Richter

Final Draft**Soundgirl**

Conquering Lion Pictures Inc.
Screenwriter: Wendy "Motion" Brathwaite

Oma

January Films Ltd.
Screenwriter: Andrea Blundell

Mighty Lion

Anagram Pictures Inc.
Screenwriter: Blake Corbet

Born Into This

DRM Productions Inc. & Spiral Media Inc.
Screenwriter: Emmanuel Shirinian

The Truth About Lying

Anagram Pictures Inc.
Screenwriter: Andrew Currie

Nocturnia

Perfect Circle Productions Ltd.
Screenwriter: Derek Schreyer

Polish & Packaging**Red Coat Justice**

Travesty Productions Inc.
Screenwriter: S. Wyeth Clarkson

Echo

APB Pictures Inc.
Screenwriter: Michael DeCarlo & Noel Baker

The ***Script Development Program*** was created to assist in the development of quality Canadian feature film scripts. The program receives a yearly contribution of \$1.3 million from Astral Media's **The Movie Network**.

In February 2007, The Fund/Le Fonds launched ***Reel Support***, a funding initiative that provides industry-leading manufacturers and suppliers with a vehicle by which to contribute to The Fund/Le Fonds' various script development and investment programs. **Fujifilm Canada** is the founding industry sponsor of *Reel Support*.

The script development applications are reviewed each quarter by the English-Language Committee of Astral Media The Harold Greenberg Fund, which includes **Suzette Couture, Damon D'Oliveira, Melanie Friesen, John Galway, Shane Kinnear, Bryn Matthews** and **Kevin Wright**.

Astral Media The Harold Greenberg Fund/Le Fonds Harold Greenberg is a national funding organization established to contribute to the development and production of high-calibre film and television productions. Supported by Astral Media, The Fund/Le Fonds has invested over \$62 million in the Canadian film and television industry since its inception in 1986 and is proud to support the vision and works of Canadian storytellers. For more information, please visit www.astralmedia.com/TheFund.