



AMBUSH ENTERTAINMENT IS *UNEARTHED* IN SALT LAKE CITY

LOS ANGELES, CA, September 08, 2005 – Ambush Entertainment is proud to announce that production is underway in Salt Lake City on the horror film *Unearthed*, it was announced today by Miranda Bailey, a partner of Ambush Entertainment.

Unearthed tells the story of an unknown creature that terrorizes an archeological dig in the middle of a desolate New Mexico town. As the carnage escalates and bloodshed stains the desert sand, the local sheriff and a group of stranded civilians must band together to destroy the creature before it destroys them.

Directed by Matthew Leutwyler (*Dead and Breakfast, Road Kill*) from his original screenplay, *Unearthed* is produced by Miranda Bailey, Francey Grace, Jun Tan and DJ Marini. TyRuben Ellingson is the executive producer with Julie Sandor serving as co-producer.

The film stars Emmanuelle Vaugier (*One Tree Hill, Smallville*) as Annie, the local sheriff; Luke Goss (*Blade 2, The Man*) as Kale; Charlie Murphy (*Jungle Fever, Mo Better Blues*) as Hank; Tonantzin Carmelo (Steven Spielberg's *Into the West*) as the DNA scientist Nodin; Russell Means (Steven Spielberg's *Into the West, Last of the Mohicans*) as Nodin's grandfather; Beau Garrett (TV's *Rocky Point* and the upcoming feature *Turistas*) as Caya; and Tommy Dewey (TV's *The Mountain*) as Charlie.

The behind-the-scenes team is comprised of director of photography Ross Richardson, production designer Chris Demuri, costume designer Carolyn Leone-Smith, and editor Shawna Callahan. The stunt coordination on the film is choreographed by Go Stunts, the team responsible for *The Dukes of Hazard* and the upcoming films *Superman Returns* and *Spiderman 3*. Combustion Studios, founded by DJ Marini and TyRuben Ellingson, are designing the film's special effects and creature design.

Emmanuelle Vaugier stars in the upcoming *Saw II*, the sequel to the hit horror film *Saw*, which is scheduled for release this Halloween. Following that, she stars in *House of the Dead 2: Dead Aim* opposite Ed Quinn; and will then be seen portraying the female superhero "Painkiller Jane" in the television adaptation of the comic book of the same name for the Sci-Fi Channel. Vaugier has also appeared in *Secondhand Lions*, with Michael Caine, Robert Duvall and Haley Joel Osment; *The Rise and Fall of Heidi Fleiss*, with Jamie-Lynn DiScala and Saul Rubinek; and *40 Days and 40 Nights*, with Josh Hartnett. Although best known for her recurring roles on the WB's *One Tree Hill* and *Smallville*, her small-screen roles include *My Guide to Becoming a Rock Star*; Fox's *North Shore*; UPN's *Veronica Mars*; and the Emmy-award nominated miniseries *The Beach Boys: An American Family*.

Luke Goss stars in the upcoming feature *The Man* opposite Samuel L Jackson and Eugene Levy and takes the lead role in the epic love story *One Night With The King* with a supporting cast that includes Peter O'Toole, Omar Sharif, Tiny Lester and John Rhys-Davies. Goss has also starred in *Blade 2* opposite Wesley Snipes, "Charlie" with Steven Berkoff and played the role of The Creature in Hallmark's Emmy-Award nominated mini-series *Frankenstein*, with Donald Sutherland and William Hurt. British-born Goss started his career as part of the multi-platinum selling band, "Bros." He currently lives in Los Angeles

Charlie Murphy as the older brother of comedian Eddie Murphy, is probably best known as a writer/actor on *The Dave Chappelle Show*, his most famous contribution being the narrating, acting and co-writing of "Charlie Murphy's True Hollywood Stories" where he recounts his (semi-true) misadventures as part of his brother's entourage, including encounters with various celebrities – most importantly Prince and Rick James. Murphy has also appeared in numerous motion pictures, including *CB4*, *The Players Club*, *Mo Better Blues* and *King's Ransom*, and most recently lent his voice to a character in the video game "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" as a pimp named Jizzy-B.

Tonantzin Carmelo was most recently seen portraying Thunder Heart Woman in Steven Spielberg's mini series *Into the West*. Carmelo began performing at a young age with her family and their native dance group and, while in college, performed with the modern dance company "Day Star." She has garnered critical acclaim for her performance in plays such as "Malinche" "Exmagare," "Please Do Not Touch the Indian" and "Jump Kiss." Her credits also include the independent films *King Rikki*, *187 Shadow Lane* and a guest-starring role on the ABC drama "Drognet."

Russell Means (insert bio) made his feature film debut starring opposite Daniel Day-Lewis and Madeline Stowe in Michael Mann's adaptation of *Last of the Mohicans*. He has also appeared in films such as *Natural Born Killers*, *Wind River*, *Thomas and the Magic Railroad*, *29 Palms* and *Black Cloud*. Means was most recently seen, along with co-star Tonantzin Carmelo, in Steven Spielberg's mini-series *Into the West*.

Ambush Entertainment is a film development and production company whose partners include Miranda Bailey, Francey Grace, Matthew Leutwyler and Jun Tan. The company was founded in 2001 with the philosophy of producing a wide variety of feature films, from adventures and romances to comedies and prestige dramas. Currently in theatres is the critically-acclaimed horror/comedy *Dead and Breakfast*, a film that Ain't-It-Cool News praises as "... the US answer to *Shaun of the Dead*." In addition, the company recently produced the comedy *The Oh in Ohio*, starring Parker Posey, Paul Rudd, Mischa Barton and Danny DeVito; and executive produced *The Squid and the Whale*, which received both the Director's Award and the prestigious Waldo Salt Screenwriting Award at this year's Sundance Film Festival. The film stars Jeff Daniels and Laura Linney.

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