

January 17, 2006

Production Begins For The Butterfly Effect 2

LOS ANGELES (Jan. 12, 2006) Production began this week on New Line Cinema's *The Butterfly Effect 2*, directed by John Leonetti and written by Michael Weiss.

The sci-fi sequel, being produced by Filmengine and Benderspink, follows a time-traveling character who discovers that changes to past events carry unforeseen consequences in the present.

Erica Durance ("*Smallville*") and Eric Lively ("*The L Word*") star as characters named Julie and Nick in *The Butterfly Effect 2*.

The Butterfly Effect, which was released in 2004 and starred Ashton Kutcher and Amy Smart, grossed \$58 million domestically.

"*The Butterfly Effect 2*, like its predecessor, is a provocative psychological thriller that is certain to keep audiences on the edge of their seats," said New Line executive Kevin Kasha. "New Line has been anticipating the start of production under the direction of John Leonetti with a brand new set of characters and a gripping storyline."

Filmengine's A.J. Dix and Anthony Rhulen are producing the sequel with Benderspink's Chris Bender and J.C. Spink. William Shively is executive producing.

About New Line Cinema Corporation:

Founded almost 40 years ago, New Line Cinema is the most successful independent film company in the world. Its mission is to produce innovative, popular and profitable entertainment in the best creative environment. In addition to the production, marketing and distribution of theatrical motion pictures, the fully-integrated studio has divisions devoted to home entertainment, television, music, theater, merchandising and an international unit. In 2005, New Line partnered with HBO to form Picturehouse, a new theatrical distribution company to release independent films. A pioneer in franchise filmmaking, New Line's Oscar-winning *The Lord of the*

Rings trilogy is one of the most successful film franchises in history. New Line is a division of Time Warner, Inc.