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## **Keisha Castle-Hughes to Portray Virgin Mary in New Line's Nativity**

LOS ANGELES (March 22, 2006) – New Line Cinema has cast Keisha Castle-Hughes as the Virgin Mary in Nativity, which is scheduled for a Dec. 2006 release and will begin shooting in May.

Castle-Hughes, a native of Australia, received an Oscar nomination for best actress in 2003 for her role in Whale Rider. In Nativity, she will play Mary in the two year period leading up to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

Catherine Hardwicke (Lords of Dogtown, Thirteen) is directing the film, with a script penned by Mike Rich. Wyck Godfrey and Marty Bowen are 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. (TWX).