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New Line Cinema, Walden Media and National Cinemedia to Host Special Hoot “Reel Thinking” Event on April 13

Hoot Advance Screenings Held In 40 Cities, Followed By Jimmy Buffett Performance And Q&A With Author Carl Hiaasen And Film’s Stars

LOS ANGELES (April 5, 2006) – New Line Cinema, Walden Media and National CineMedia will present a unique screening event of the upcoming mystery adventure film Hoot on April 13, featuring a live on–screen Q&A session with the film’s talent and production team. Hoot opens nationwide on May 5.

This special event is being offered free of charge to school and community groups around the country, including Hoot outreach partners National Wildlife Federation and Reading Is Fundamental. Kids and adults can share in a special advance screening of Hoot, followed by a live on–screen Q&A session with talent from the film including producer/musician Jimmy Buffett, director Wil Shriner, Hoot author Carl Hiaasen, and stars Brie Larson and Cody Linley. As an extra treat, Buffett will also perform three new songs from the film’s soundtrack.

The event will be broadcast live via satellite from Los Angeles to select movie theaters in 40 cities across the country through National CineMedia’s Digital Content Network (DCN) – an exclusive system of digital and satellite technology specially designed to produce unique in–theatre events. Teachers, librarians, and other community leaders interested in bringing groups to the special Hoot event can register online at <http://www.walden.com>. Seating is limited and advanced registration is required, so please visit the website for a complete list of participating theaters. Participants also have the opportunity to submit questions for the Q&A portion of the evening online, and select questions will be chosen to be pre–recorded and answered live during the event.

Based on Carl Hiaasen’s Newbery Honor–winning book, Hoot revolves around a Montana boy who moves to Florida and unearths a disturbing threat to a local population of endangered owls. Determined to protect his new environment, the boy and his friends

fight to prevent the adults from making a big mistake as three middle-schoolers take on corrupt politicians and clueless cops in this mystery adventure. Packed with surprising plot twists, quirky characters, and offbeat humor, Hoot is a classic story that's fun for all ages. Hoot is directed by Wil Shriner, produced by Frank Marshall (Seabiscuit, Signs) and Walden Media (Because of Winn-Dixie, Holes).

"We are delighted to be partnering with New Line Cinema, National CineMedia and the talented filmmakers behind Hoot to stage this wonderful event for educators and their families," says Walden Media President and Co-Founder Micheal Flaherty. "We continually strive to get students excited about learning outside the classroom, be it through robotics competitions for Ghosts of the Abyss or writing workshops for Holes. With this event, we additionally have the opportunity to show our gratitude to our partners in the education world who inspire their students day in and day out."

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).

About Walden Media LLC:

Founded by Cary Granat, former president of Miramax Films' Dimension label, and education reformer Micheal Flaherty, Walden Media, a subsidiary of the Anschutz Film Group (AFG), specializes in entertainment that sparks the imagination and curiosity of kids and provides parents and teachers with materials to continue the learning process. Produced by Walden Media in association with Walt Disney Pictures, the Academy Award® winning film The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe was the top-grossing holiday release of 2005. Upcoming releases include

Hoot and How to Eat Fried Worms with New Line Cinema, and Charlotte's Web with Paramount and Nickelodeon Movies.

About National CineMedia, LLC:

National CineMedia, LLC is a venture of AMC Entertainment Inc., Cinemark USA, Inc. and Regal Entertainment Group (NYSE: RGC), three of the world's leading theatrical exhibition companies. The company develops pre feature entertainment; cinema and lobby advertising products; comprehensive meeting and event services; and alternative forms of entertainment content for approximately 13,000 screens operated by its owner theatre circuits and other theatre affiliates. National CineMedia distributes its products and services across its Digital Content Network (DCN), the world's largest in-theatre digital distribution network. Once installation of its DCN technology is completed in Cinemark theatres, National CineMedia's network will comprise approximately 11,000 digital North American theatre screens in 150 markets (49 of the top 50), reaching 525 million movie patrons annually. For additional information, please go to www.ncm.com.

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