

**KATE BUSH RECORDS ORIGINAL SONG “LYRA” FOR THE
NEW LINE CINEMA FANTASY EPIC *THE GOLDEN COMPASS***

Song Will Be Featured Over The Film’s End Titles And
On New Line Records’ *Golden Compass* Soundtrack

LOS ANGELES (Nov. 13, 2007) – Acclaimed British singer/songwriter Kate Bush will contribute an original song titled “Lyra” to the end title credits of New Line Cinema’s upcoming epic fantasy adventure *The Golden Compass*, which is scheduled for a Dec. 7 worldwide release. The song will also be available for download as part of New Line Records’ *The Golden Compass* soundtrack, which will be released Dec. 11.

The song, named for Lyra Belacqua, the lead character in *The Golden Compass*, is written and produced by Kate in her own studio, and features the Magdalen College Choir, Oxford. The song will be available for digital download as part of *The Golden Compass* soundtrack on December 11th.

Over the course of her career she has released eight albums, earning three Grammy nominations and was recognized with an Ivor Novello Award for “Outstanding Contribution to British Music” in 2002. She has previously had songs featured in the films *Castaway* and *She’s Having a Baby*.

Based on author Philip Pullman’s bestselling novel, *The Golden Compass* tells the first story in the “His Dark Materials” trilogy. An exciting fantasy adventure, the film is set in an alternative world populated by talking bears who fight wars, witches, Gyptians, and daemons. In the world of *The Golden Compass*, a person’s soul lives on the outside of their body in the form of a daemon, an animal spirit that accompanies them through life. At the center of the story is Lyra (played by newcomer Dakota Blue Richards), a 12-year-old girl who starts out trying to rescue a friend – and winds up on an epic quest to save not only her

world, but ours as well. *The Golden Compass* stars an ensemble cast that includes Nicole Kidman, Daniel Craig, Sam Elliott (*Ghost Rider*), Eva Green (*Casino Royale*) and the voices of Ian McKellen (*The Lord of the Rings*), Ian McShane (“Deadwood”), Freddie Highmore (*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*), Kathy Bates (*Charlotte’s Web*), and Kristin Scott Thomas (*Gosford Park*). The film is written and directed by Chris Weitz (*About A Boy, Antz*) and produced by Deborah Forte and Bill Carraro.

About New Line Records:

New Line Records, a division of New Line Productions, has been releasing recorded music since 2002. Distributed through Warner Music Group's independent arm ADA, NLR has released over 50 titles including the soundtracks to *Hairspray*, *Wedding Crashers*, *The Notebook*, *A Prairie Home Companion* and *Elf*. It is also the artist home to The Sounds, Albert Hammond Jr., OFFICE, Allison Moorer and Elijah Kelley, among others.

About New Line Cinema Corporation:

Celebrating its 40th anniversary year, 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).

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