

## **NEW LINE RECORDS SCORES HIGH ON BILLBOARD YEAR-END CHARTS WITH *HAIRSPRAY* SOUNDTRACK**

LOS ANGELES (January 8, 2008) New Line Records' soundtrack to the hit musical comedy *Hairspray* was the #1 Top Independent Album of the year on Billboard's 2007 Year-End Charts.

The *Hairspray* soundtrack spent nine consecutive weeks in the top 10 of the Billboard Top 200 chart after its July 10 release and was recently certified Platinum by the RIAA, selling more than 1 million copies in the US. The album also received a 2008 Grammy nomination for Best Soundtrack Recording.

The New Line Cinema film has grossed more than \$200 million at the worldwide box office -- making it the third highest grossing musical of all time. In addition, *Hairspray* has earned numerous accolades this awards season including: 3 Golden Globe nominations including Best Picture -- Musical or Comedy; a Screen Actors Guild nomination for Outstanding Performance By A Cast In A Motion Picture; and 2 Critics Choice Awards (Best Acting Ensemble and Best Young Actress -- Nikki Blonsky) from the Broadcast Film Critics Association.

"Despite the increasing challenges the music industry is facing, New Line Records had its strongest year to date with the *Hairspray* soundtrack as our bestselling release," says Jason Linn, New Line's Executive Vice President of Music who oversees New Line Records. "We are delighted that the album went platinum, ranked atop the US Billboard charts and was a huge international success."

New Line Records also was the #2 Top Independent Imprint and the #3 Top Independent Label in 2007 on the Billboard Year-End Charts.

The label earned an additional Grammy nomination for Howard Shore's soundtrack for *The Departed* in the category of Best Score Soundtrack Album for a Motion Picture; and New Line Records artist Allison Moorer was nominated for Best Country Collaboration With Vocals for the song "Days Aren't Long Enough" with Steve Earle.

The song "Despedida" from New Line Records' *Love in the Time of Cholera* soundtrack, with music by Shakira and Antonio Pinto and lyrics by Shakira, garnered a 2008 Golden Globe nomination for Best Original Song.

Other 2007 highlights from New Line Records included new releases from artists Albert Hammond, Jr., whose debut solo album *Yours To Keep* debuted in March 2007 as Billboard's #1 Alternative New Artist; *Robbers on High Street*; and *Office*.

**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 *Elf*, *Wedding Crashers*, *The Notebook*, *A Prairie Home Companion*, *The Departed*, and *Hairspray*. 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:**

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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