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WARNER BROS. PICTURES IS A “BIG” PRESENCE AT SHOWEST

***STUDIO PRESENTS HOT SUMMER SLATE IN “THE BIG PICTURE ’08”
FEATURING BIG-NAME TALENT, INCLUDING CHRISTIAN BALE,
STEVE CARELL, MAGGIE GYLLENHAAL, ANNE HATHAWAY,
EMILE HIRSCH, CHRISTINA RICCI, GEORGE LUCAS AND MORE...***

BURBANK, CA,— Showcasing some of the summer’s most-anticipated movies and some of the film industry’s biggest stars, Warner Bros. Pictures will host a star-studded event called *The Big Picture ’08* at this year’s ShoWest Convention. The announcement was made today by Warner Bros. Pictures President of Domestic Distribution Dan Fellman.

The program will highlight the studio’s exciting summer slate, featuring advance footage—some never-before-seen—from each film. In addition, talent from both sides of the camera will be on hand to present their titles, including stars Christian Bale, Steve Carell, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Anne Hathaway, Emile Hirsch and Christina Ricci; and directors George Lucas, Christopher Nolan and Peter Segal.

The Big Picture ’08 will be held at Bally’s and Paris Las Vegas on Thursday, March 13, beginning at 2:45 p.m. ShoWest attendees will be treated to a sneak peek at Warner Bros. Pictures’ summer releases, including scenes from the high-octane action adventure “Speed Racer”; the action comedy “Get Smart”; the action drama “The Dark Knight,” the follow-up to “Batman Begins”; “The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2,” which reunites the stars of the original hit feature; and the highly anticipated computer-animated feature “Star Wars: The Clone Wars,” which brings a galaxy far, far away back to the big screen with a brand new look from Lucasfilm Animation.

In making the announcement, Fellman stated, “From the titles to the talent behind them, this is one of the most exciting film line-ups we’ve seen for any season, with a wide range of movies that offer something for everyone. We wanted to showcase this special slate with our partners in the distribution community, who we are sure will share our excitement about what is coming from Warner Bros. this summer.”

ABOUT WARNER BROS. PICTURES’ SUMMER RELEASES:

Opening nationwide on May 9, “Speed Racer” follows the adventures of the young race car driver Speed in his quest for glory in his thunderous Mach 5. Written and directed by the Wachowski Brothers, the live-action film marks the brothers’ first writing/directing collaboration since “The Matrix” movies. “Speed Racer” stars Emile Hirsch, Christina Ricci, John Goodman, Susan Sarandon, Matthew Fox, Benno Fürmann, Hiroyuki Sanada, Rain, and Richard Roundtree. Joel Silver, Grant Hill, Andy Wachowski and Larry Wachowski produced the film with David Lane Seltzer, Michael Lambert and Bruce Berman serving as executive producers. From Warner Bros. Pictures and Village Roadshow Pictures, “Speed Racer” will be released concurrently in conventional theatres and IMAX theatres.

Coming to theatres on June 20, “Get Smart” stars Steve Carell as Maxwell Smart and Anne Hathaway as Agent 99. In the action comedy, Maxwell Smart and Agent 99 are teamed on a mission to thwart the latest plot for world domination by the evil crime syndicate known as KAOS. The film also stars Dwayne Johnson, Alan Arkin, Terence Stamp and James Caan. Peter Segal directed “Get Smart” from a

screenplay by Tom J. Astle & Matt Ember. Andrew Lazar, Charles Roven, Alex Gartner and Michael Ewing produced the film, with Peter Segal, Steve Carell, Brent O'Connor, Jimmy Miller, Dana Goldberg and Bruce Berman executive producing. "Get Smart" is from Warner Bros. Pictures and Village Roadshow Pictures.

"The Dark Knight," the hotly anticipated follow-up to the blockbuster "Batman Begins," opens nationwide on July 18. Reuniting Christian Bale, once again embodying the man behind the mask, and director Christopher Nolan, the new action drama takes Batman across the world in his fight against a growing criminal threat. The film also stars Michael Caine, Heath Ledger, Gary Oldman, Aaron Eckhart, Maggie Gyllenhaal and Morgan Freeman. Charles Roven, Emma Thomas and Christopher Nolan produced the film from a screenplay by Jonathan Nolan and Christopher Nolan, story by Christopher Nolan & David S. Goyer. The executive producers are Benjamin Melniker, Michael E. Uslan, Kevin De La Noy and Thomas Tull. From Warner Bros. Pictures and Legendary Pictures, "The Dark Knight" will be released simultaneously in conventional theatres and IMAX theatres, and includes scenes shot using IMAX cameras, marking a groundbreaking integration of the two film formats.

"The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2" is slated for release on August 8 from Warner Bros. Pictures and Alcon Entertainment. Amber Tamblyn, America Ferrera, Blake Lively and Alexis Bledel reprise their roles as four special young women, continuing their journey toward adulthood that began with "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants." Sanaa Hamri directed the film from a screenplay by Elizabeth Chandler, based on Ann Brashares' best-selling series of novels. Debra Martin Chase, Denise Di Novi, Broderick Johnson and Andrew A. Kosove are the producers, with Kira Davis and Alison Greenspan executive producing.

On August 15, the *Star Wars* Saga makes a much-anticipated return to the big screen in an entirely new way. Produced by Lucasfilm Animation, "Star Wars: The Clone Wars" will take audiences on incredible new adventures on the front lines of an intergalactic struggle between good and evil, combining the legendary storytelling of Lucasfilm Ltd. with state-of-the-art computer animation. Favorite characters like Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi and Padmé Amidala will be joined by brand-new heroes like Anakin's padawan learner, Ahsoka. Sinister villains – led by Palpatine, Count Dooku and General Grievous – are poised to rule the galaxy. Stakes are high, and the fate of the *Star Wars* universe rests in the hands of the daring Jedi Knights.

For additional information on Warner Bros. Pictures feature films, please visit <http://press.warnerbros.com>.

ABOUT SHOWEST:

ShoWest is the largest annual convention for the motion picture industry. It is the only international gathering devoted exclusively to the movie business and the single largest international gathering of motion picture professionals and theatre owners in the world. The 2008 edition of ShoWest will be held March 10 - 13, 2008 at Bally's and Paris Las Vegas and is expected to draw more than 5,000 members of the motion picture industry. Each year, ShoWest attracts delegates from more than 50 countries in North and South America, Europe, Asia and Australia. ShoWest is produced by the Film Group at Nielsen Business Media, the leading trade show producer in the U.S. The Nielsen Business Media Film Group also includes ShowEast, CineAsia, Cinema Expo International and Film Journal International, as well as sister publication, The Hollywood Reporter.

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