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THE ENGLISHMAN'S BOY DEBUTS AT MIPCOM 2006

Minds Eye International introduces a NEW TV mini-series from internationally celebrated author GUY VANDERHAEGHE and *The Boys of St. Vincent* director John N. Smith

September 27th, 2006 – (Regina, CANADA) Minds Eye International, the distribution division of Minds Eye Entertainment, has announced the acquisition of a new major mini-series, ***The Englishman's Boy***, from John N. Smith, the award-winning director of ***The Boys of St. Vincent***.

The Englishman's Boy, an adaptation of Guy Vanderhaeghe's Governor General Award-winning novel, is a two-part, four-hour mini-series. The novel, short-listed for the Giller Prize and the International IMPAC Dublin Award, weaves two parallel narratives into one spellbinding story.

Harry Vincent, a young screenwriter, arrives in 1920s Hollywood and is enlisted to find the elusive old-time western actor, Shorty McAdoo, and provide authentic content for famed studio boss Chance in order for him to produce the definitive American western. In counterpoint is the parallel story of a young drifter, known simply as the Englishman's Boy, who in 1873 joins a group of wolf hunters on the trail of horse thieves – a journey climaxing in a brutal encounter with the Assiniboine Indians in the Cypress Hills.

The internationally acclaimed performer **Bob Hoskins** (*Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, *Mona Lisa*, *Hollywoodland*) leads a stellar cast that includes **Nicholas Campbell** (*Da Vinci's Inquest*, *Da Vinci's City Hall*, *Human Cargo*) and **Michael Therriault** (*Prairie Giant: The Tommy Douglas Story*, *Lord of the Rings – Musical*).

"The value of ***The Englishman's Boy*** is found in the superior production value, masterful direction from John N. Smith and brilliant performances from a highly diverse and talented cast," says Minds Eye International president Kevin DeWalt. "This series will have a strong attraction for buyers, broadcasters and audiences worldwide."

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Minds Eye International will be on-site at MIPCOM 2006 to present this project and available at Stand 10.25 or available at the stand by telephone 33 (0) 6 10 27 43 95.

Established in 1997, **Minds Eye International** is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Minds Eye Entertainment and is one of North America's major television distributors. As a key player in the global sales market, Minds Eye International acquires programs from independent producers within the international production community. In addition to retaining the world rights for **The Englishman's Boy**, the company continues to actively pursue and acquire **new** third party lifestyle, drama, family and non-fiction programming. The Minds Eye International catalogue currently contains more than 400 hours of programming, primarily consisting of children's programs, TV movies, drama series, lifestyle series and factual programming. The company attends all sales markets worldwide and has its headquarters in Regina, Canada.

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