

FALLING ANGELS TO OPEN CANADIAN IMAGES PROGRAM AT THE VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

- Directed by Vancouver-based **Scott Smith** (*Rollercoaster*), the film stars two-time Oscar nominee and Golden Globe winner **Miranda Richardson** (*The Hours*, *The Crying Game*) and Gemini and Genie Award winner **Callum Keith Rennie** (*Due South*, *Flower and Garnet*)
- **Falling Angels** recently received a standing ovation at the Toronto International Film Festival and earned the "Best of Ontario" award at the Sudbury International Film Festival.

September 23, 2003 – (Regina, SK/Toronto, ON) Award-winning producers Triptych Media and Minds Eye Entertainment are pleased to announce that **Falling Angels** has been invited to open the Canadian Images program at the **Vancouver International Film Festival on Friday, September 26 at 7:00pm at the Vogue Theatre. Falling Angels** was filmed in Regina, Moose Jaw, southern Saskatchewan and Niagara Falls in the fall of 2002.

Hailed as a "darkly comic gem" by Maclean's at its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival, **Falling Angels** is the wickedly funny story of three sisters' coming-of-age in a wildly dysfunctional family, set against the backdrop of the '60s, free love, the Cold War, LSD, and the dawn of feminism. Military dad Jim Field (**Callum Keith Rennie**) rules his home like a tyrant, while mom (**Miranda Richardson**) suffers from debilitating depression and is left under the care of her daughters, the rebellious Lou (**Katharine Isabelle**), the beautiful Sandy (Kristin Adams), and the mousy Norma (**Monté Gagné**). Affectionately dubbed 'Little Women on acid', this is a story about the destructive effects of secrecy and the bonds of duty between parents and children.

Directed by Scott Smith (*Rollercoaster*), written by Esta Spalding (*The Eleventh Hour*) and based on the critically acclaimed novel by Barbara Gowdy, **Falling Angels** is produced by Robin Cass of Triptych Media, co-produced by Lynne Stopkewich and Jessica Fraser and is executive produced by Alain de la Mata, Dean English, Geoff Cox and Minds Eye Entertainment's Kevin DeWalt. The film is distributed in Canada by Séville Pictures and worldwide by Wild Bunch International Sales.

Established in 1986, **Minds Eye Entertainment** (formerly *Minds Eye Pictures*) is a dynamic and award winning film and television production company located in Regina, Saskatchewan. The Company is currently completing post-production on the feature film **Whitecoats** with Dave Thomas and the feature film **Seven Times Lucky** starring Kevin Pollak. The Company recently earned a record 10 Gemini nominations for the television movie *Betrayed*, the legal drama series *Just Cause*, the children's series *Mentors* and the teen series *2030CE*.

Triptych Media's feature films include *The Republic of Love*, based on the Pulitzer Prize winning novel by the late Carol Shields, *The Hanging Garden*, which earned the award for Most Popular Film and Best Canadian Film at the 1997 Toronto International Film Festival and *Lilies*, which earned a Genie Award for Best Feature Film. Triptych's television dramas include *Tale of Teeka*, a Banff Rockie and multi G meaux winner and Prix Italia nominee and the MOW's *The Bookfair Murders* and *Lucky Girl*. The company is currently in development on the feature films, *Lies and Consequences*, *The Biggest Modern Woman of the World*, and the adaptation of the international hit play *High Life*.

Falling Angels is produced with the financial participation of Wild Bunch Sales International, Telefilm Canada - Equity Investment Program (Feature Film Fund), Canadian Television Fund - License Fee Program, Seville Pictures, Universal Studios Canada, Harold Greenberg Fund, Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit, and the Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit. Canadian licenses include Movie Central, CITY TV and TMN – The Movie Network/Super Ecran..

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