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BOB HOSKINS JOINS CAST OF *THE ENGLISHMAN'S BOY*

INTERNATIONAL STAR **BOB HOSKINS** joins
NICHOLAS CAMPBELL and **MICHAEL THERRIAULT**
in the cast of *THE ENGLISHMAN'S BOY*

SEPTEMBER 26, 2006 - (REGINA, SK) Internationally-acclaimed Bob Hoskins joins the stellar cast of *The Englishman's Boy*. Based on the critically acclaimed, Governor General Award-winning novel, *The Englishman's Boy* is a two-part, four-hour mini-series which weaves two parallel narratives into one spellbinding story. John N. Smith (*The Boys of St. Vincent, Prairie Giant: The Tommy Douglas Story, Dieppe, Revenge of the Land and Random Passage*) directs with Kevin DeWalt of Minds Eye Entertainment producing for CBC Television. Guy Vanderhaeghe is adapting his novel for the screen.

In 1920s Hollywood, the young Canadian writer Harry Vincent (Michael Therriault) is engaged by a movie mogul (Bob Hoskins) to track down an elusive old-time Western actor (Nicholas Campbell) whose story will be the basis of the producer's new film. Vincent's relationships with both the actor and the megalomaniac studio boss lead to disturbing revelations about the dark side of myth-making.

In counterpoint to the realm of Hollywood is the haunting story of a young drifter known simply as "the Englishman's boy" (Michael Eisner). In 1873, the boy joins a group of wolf hunters led by the brutal Hardwick (R.H. Thomson) en route north into Canada on the trail of horse thieves. It is a journey through an unforgiving land which climaxes in a brutal encounter with the Assiniboine Indians in the Cypress Hills of what is now known as Saskatchewan.

For his role in Neil Jordan's *Mona Lisa*, **Bob Hoskins** won an Oscar nomination as well as BAFTA, Cannes Film Festival and Golden Globe awards. His role in Robert Zemeckis' cartoon noir *Who Framed Roger Rabbit* won Hoskins a Golden Globe nomination. He has delighted and terrified us in films such as Richard Benjamin's *Mermaids*, Oliver Stone's *Nixon* and Atom Egoyan's *Felicia's Journey*. Hoskins' most recent film is the highly-praised *Hollywoodland*.

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Nicholas Campbell is widely-acclaimed for his lead role in the gritty television series *Da Vinci's Inquest* and *Da Vinci's City Hall*. His awards include the 2001 Gemini for best performance by an actor in a continuing role for *Da Vinci's Inquest*, the 2001 Gemini for his guest performance in the series *Blue Murder* and the 1998 Gemini for *Major Crime*. Campbell starred in *Human Cargo* which won five 2005 Geminis including Best Mini-Series as well as the prestigious Peabody award.

For his performance as Tommy Douglas in *Prairie Giant: The Tommy Douglas Story* **Michael Therriault** received a Gemini nomination for Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Dramatic Program or Mini-Series and won Best Actor at the Seoul Drama Awards. He has been universally-acclaimed for his nuanced Dora Award-winning dark and daring interpretation of Gollum in the world premiere of the musical *The Lord of The Rings*. For his sparkling performance as Leo Bloom in the Canadian premiere of Mel Brooks' *The Producers*, Therriault received the Dora Award- Best Actor in a Musical. Prior to that, he spent seven seasons at the acclaimed Stratford Festival of Canada.

Filming continues in Saskatchewan until October 12th.

Opportunities for media will be available the week of October 2, 2006.

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