

WESLEY SNIPES JOINS THE VIRTUAL REALITY WORLD

“THE RECALL VR ABDUCTION” features the action star tackling alien terrors in VR.

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Hollywood, CA — Action movie veteran Wesley Snipes will star in his first virtual reality project, *THE RECALL VR ABDUCTION*, scheduled for release this summer 2017. In this VR film experience, Snipes is interacting with the user through the eyes of another cast member played by R.J. Mitte (*Breaking Bad*'s Walt Jr.), to pursue death-defying adventures in a world facing alien invasion. This standalone transmedia piece exists in the same universe as the feature-length film, *THE RECALL*, and features the same cast. *The Recall* is produced by Mind's Eye Entertainment who has teamed up with VMI Worldwide, Bridgegate Pictures, Invico Capital, , Talking Dog Studios and SkyVR, to create this virtual reality piece that places viewers in this storyworld colored by extraterrestrial terror.

THE RECALL VR ABDUCTION, a 10 minute VR film, will subject the viewer to the sci-fi tension through Mitte's eyes, as he and his friends first encounter Snipes' mysterious character. Directed by Mauro Borelli, the experience serves as a stand-alone transmedia story, and alongside Snipes, features Jedidiah Goodacre, Niko Pepaj, Laura Maria Bilgeri, and Hannah Rose May.

Snipes was eager to highlight the innovative challenges of working in this dynamic medium for the first time. “The cool thing is that for theater actors, or thespians, this is a great format, because shooting in VR is similar to shooting a play, or performing a play,” explained Snipes. “You don't have the luxury of cuts, and short takes, and do overs. You have to be on your game, and since everything is in the shot, everyone else needs to be on their game at the same time.”

THE RECALL VR ABDUCTION is currently set for release prior to the feature, but with multiple endings different from the feature this makes for a very unique standalone experience. In addition, audiences will be able to delve even further into the production process, through several VR and 360 behind-the-scenes clips that will be released in the coming months via *THE RECALL* film social media accounts on Facebook 360 and YouTube 360.

“This will change the way we hear about movies and rewrite the way we package content. Viewers today are smarter and have access to more content right at their fingertips not just to watch the movie, but live in the realm and watch the feature through this new medium,” - VR Producer Travis Cloyd.

“We are excited about the opportunity to team with Wesley Snipes, Talking Dog Studios and SkyVR to tell this story in a virtual reality format outside of the traditional feature experience.” - Minds Eye Entertainment CEO and Producer Kevin DeWalt.

“VR is one of the most innovative technologies to come of age in recent years. We are proud to all come together and lead this technology into the future,” - Bridgegate Pictures, Executive Producer Guy Griffiths.

Feature film production on *The Recall* was made in multiple formats including BARCO Escape and made possible through the Creative Saskatchewan Screen-Based Media Production Grant Program, with the participation of the Province of British Columbia Production Services Tax Credit and Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit.

About Minds Eye Entertainment

Established in 1986, Minds Eye Entertainment is one of Canada’s most prolific independent production and distribution companies. Recent credits include: *THE TALL MAN* (Jessica Biel), *FACES IN THE CROWD* (Milla Jovovich), *LULLABY FOR PI* (Rupert Friend, Clemence Poesy, Forest Whitaker), *FORSAKEN* (Kiefer Sutherland, Donald Sutherland, Brian Cox and Demi Moore) and *The Humanity Bureau* (Nicolas Cage and Sarah Lind). For more information about Minds Eye Entertainment, please visit www.mindseyepictures.com

About VMI Worldwide

VMI Worldwide is an international sales, film finance and production company based in Hollywood, California. Founded in 2010 by Andre Relis, VMI has an impeccable reputation in the industry for having a wide variety of independent films in all genres including films that have played at prestigious festivals. Some of our titles include *Hellion* starring Aaron Paul, *Gallowalkers* starring Wesley Snipes, *Why Stop Now* starring Tracy Morgan etc. VMI has aggressively moved into production by producing high quality genre pictures which has included *Wicked Blood* starring Sean Bean, *War Pigs* starring Mickey Rourke and *The Perfect Weapon* starring Steven Seagal. For more information about VMI Worldwide, please visit www.vmiworldwide.com

About Bridgegate Pictures

Bridgegate Pictures Corp operates as an integrated film company out of Corona, California. The company engages in the development, financing and production of media products including feature films for worldwide distribution in the theatrical, broadcast and digital markets. Bridgegate specializes in commercial driven independent films that are star driven and have worldwide appeal.

About Invico

Founded in 2005, Invico Capital Corporation is a Calgary, Alberta based independent alternative investment fund management firm with approximately \$200 million of private capital under management. Invico provides alternative capital solutions, including both equity and debt to assist high quality companies and management teams in making strategic acquisitions, financing capital expenditures and/or growth programs and supporting working capital requirements.

About Talking Dog Studios

Based in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, Talking Dog Studios offers expertise in audio post production, original music, VR, AR, Mixed Reality, Games, and Apps.

About SkyVR

Founded by award-winning directors, producers & technologists, SkyVR is one of the leading virtual reality production companies in the world. Leading the charge in 360, 3D and Live virtual reality, SkyVR specializes in dynamic immersive storytelling experiences.

Photography by Darren Hull

Main Picture (titled Recall-Film-MainPhoto.jpg)
Left to right...

DOP : Mark Dobrescu

Producer : Wesley Snipes

Director : Mauro Borrelli

VR Producer : Josh Courtney

Producer : Kevin DeWalt

VR Producer : Travis Cloyd

Executive Producer : Andrew Holmes