

## New Giant Screen Film Explores Legends of Dragons Starring Critically Acclaimed Actor Max von Sydow

Henderson, Nevada [March 18, 2013] -- *Dragons: Real Myths and Unreal Creatures*, a 3D film for IMAX® and Giant Screen Theaters which explores the legends of giant creatures, will be released in May 2013, Productions Thalie and BIG & Digital announced today.

Dragon mythology exists across many cultures, continents and centuries. *Dragons: Real Myths and Unreal Creatures*, follows the tale of a dreamer and a scholar as they trace stories of dragons through ancient Babylon, Greece, Asia and Medieval Europe. The film explores how these creatures of legend have influenced our culture, our art and literature, and our dreams.

A 42 minute Fine Cut of the 3D film will be shown during the Giant Screen Cinema Association's Film Expo and Digital Symposium in Galveston, Texas on March 19. In early May, the film will be available in Digital 2K and 4K and in late May, 15/70mm prints and IMAX Digital formats will be available for screenings and premieres. The film will display well on dome and flat screens, because of special attention to the cinematography, production and image processing.

Marc Fafard, who previously wrote and directed *Dinosaurs: Giants of Patagonia* and *Adrenaline Rush*, is director and writer for *Dragons: Real Myths and Unreal Creatures*. The film stars two-time Academy Award® nominee Max von Sydow, known for a host of legendary films including *The Exorcist; Minority Report* with Tom Cruise, Stephan King's *Needful Things; Robin Hood and Shutter Island* just to name a few. French Canadian actress Laurence Leboeuf and Serge Houde, recognized for his starring role in the Emmy nominated miniseries *The Kennedy's*, play opposite of Max von Sydow in *Dragons: Real Myths and Unreal Creatures*.

"The film uses the mythology of dragons to immerse viewers in a rich and entertaining mix of history, cultures, geography, art and literature," said Fafard. "Two characters work to unlock an unusual

mystery, building suspense and intrigue. Much like the world of dragons, in this film, things aren't

always as they seem."

Through stunning visuals and 3D effects, the film explores humankind's fascination with dragons over

thousands of years. Some of the world's earliest known writings, in ancient Babylon, describe a mythic,

monstrous dragon-like creature that creates the earth and the heavens. The myth continues in ancient

Greece, with references to dragons found in Homer's epic "Iliad."

For centuries, the Chinese and other Asian cultures have revered dragons as noble and heroic. In

Medieval England, there are stories of massive, winged dragons terrorizing villages and castles,

eventually to be slain by heroes. Dragons appear on notable architecture, imperial crests, battle armor

and national flags throughout the world.

For leasing information and to watch a short clip of the film, visit <a href="http://www.dragonsthefilm.com">http://www.dragonsthefilm.com</a> or

contact BIG & Digital at 702-932-4045 or info@biganddigital.com.

**Productions Thalie - Producer** 

Based in Quebec City, Productions Thalie specializes in feature films and documentaries. Its management team of Yves Fortin, André Mailly and Michel Martel has produced more than 10 feature films and nearly 100 documentaries. The Canadian company has developed a far reach, working in the

United States, France, Belgium and Switzerland. www.productionsthalie.com

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