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## **INDUSTRIAL LIGHT & MAGIC TOPS ACADEMY EFFECTS NOMINATIONS WITH NODS FOR BOTH PIRATES AND POSEIDON**

*Skywalker Sound's Christopher Boyes picks up his 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> nominations*

SAN FRANCISCO – January 23, 2007 – At a 5:38 a.m. press conference the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced their nominations for the 79<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards®. Industrial Light & Magic (ILM), a Lucasfilm Ltd. company, was recognized for its groundbreaking work on both *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest* and *Poseidon*, each receiving a nomination for Outstanding Achievement in Visual Effects. This is the second year in a row that ILM has received two of the three nominations. In addition, one of Skywalker Sound's sound designer/re-recording mixers was also recognized with two nominations for Sound Editing and Sound Mixing both for *Pirates*. Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences President Sid Ganis and Oscar-nominated actress and Academy member Salma Hayek announced the nominations.

This is the fourth nomination for effects guru John Knoll and the second nomination for Animation Supervisor Hal Hickel, ILM's visual effects nominees for *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest*. For Kim Libreri, who was at the helm of ILM's work on *Poseidon*, this is his first Oscar nomination though he holds a Scientific & Technical Achievement Award. Skywalker Sound's four time Academy Award winner, Christopher Boyes, received nominations for Sound Editing and Sound Mixing. This is his 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Academy nomination.

"We are absolutely thrilled and honored to have our work recognized by the Academy," noted Chrissie England, President of ILM. "The effects and character work in these films represent some of our most sophisticated and challenging to date. Not only did John Knoll and Hal Hickel do something incredibly special with Davy Jones and his crew but Kim Libreri also raised the bar with an incredibly massive and lifelike CG Poseidon in completely digital water. By all measures, it has been a good year."

"We are extremely proud of Chris Boyes," said Glenn Kiser, Vice President and General Manager of Skywalker Sound. "His work was absolutely amazing. Year after year he delivers top tier work, which we are all inspired by. The bonus on this project was that he was able to collaborate with our sister company ILM to achieve a stunning combination of picture and sound."

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Including the two current nominations, ILM has been nominated for 36 Academy Awards® in its 30-year history and is the recipient of 14 Oscars® in the visual effects category. Skywalker Sound is the recipient of 18 Academy Awards.

Additionally, two innovative ILM technologies will receive the Academy's Scientific & Technical Achievement Awards. This will bring ILM its 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Sci-Tech Academy Awards. The Awards, for OpenEXR, a high dynamic range digital image file format which implements lossless and lossy compression, and ILM's Image-based Modeling System, which facilitates interactive construction and editing of 3D models from 2-D still images, will be presented at a ceremony to be held at the Beverly Wilshire hotel on Saturday, February 10, 2007.

The 79<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards will be televised live on February 25, at 5pt/8et on the ABC television network.

### **About Industrial Light & Magic**

Industrial Light & Magic is a Lucasfilm Ltd. company serving the digital needs of the entertainment industry for visual effects. ILM has been awarded 14 Academy Awards® for Best Visual Effects and received 19 Scientific and Technical Achievement Awards.

### **About Skywalker Sound**

Skywalker Sound is a Lucasfilm Ltd. company serving the digital needs of the entertainment industry for audio post-production. Skywalker Sound has been honored with 18 Academy Awards® for Best Sound and Best Sound Effects Editing.

### **About Lucasfilm**

Lucasfilm Ltd. is one of the world's leading film and entertainment companies. Founded by George Lucas in 1971, it is a privately held, fully integrated entertainment company. In addition to its motion picture and television production operations, the company's global activities include Industrial Light & Magic, serving the digital needs of the entertainment industry for visual effects; LucasArts, a leading developer and publisher of interactive entertainment software for video game console systems and PC; as well as Lucas Licensing, which manages the global merchandising activities for Lucasfilm's entertainment properties. Additionally, Lucas Online creates Internet-based content for Lucasfilm's entertainment properties and businesses. Lucasfilm's motion picture productions include five of the 20 biggest box-office hits of all time and have received 19 Oscars® and 53 Academy Award nominations®. Lucasfilm's television projects have won 12 Emmy Awards. Lucasfilm Ltd. is headquartered in San Francisco, California.

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