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GENA ROWLANDS, JAMES CAAN, KEVIN ZEGERS,
DAVID SCHOFIELD, LESLIE HOPE,
CAMERON DADDO AND BRENDA JAMES
TO STAR IN NOMADIC PICTURES CORP.'s
"THE INCREDIBLE MRS. RITCHIE"

Calgary, September 16, 2002 – Principal photography began today on Nomadic Pictures Corp.'s latest feature, "**THE INCREDIBLE MRS. RITCHIE.**" The film stars Gena Rowlands ("*Hope Floats,*" "*Playing by Heart*"), James Caan ("*The Godfather,*" "*Brian's Song,*" "*Misery,*" "*Thief*"), Kevin Zegers ("*Air Bud*"), David Schofield ("*The Musketeer,*" "*Gladiator*"), Leslie Hope ("*24*"), Cameron Daddo ("*Hope Island,*" "*F/X the Series*") and Brenda James ("*Dark Angel,*" "*Cold Squad*"). Film production will continue until October 11th, 2002 in and around the Calgary area.

The story is about a troubled boy who spends his spare time working as a handyman at the home of Mrs. Ritchie, an elderly woman who has had an unfortunate life. Through his time with her and his work in her magical garden he comes to terms with a terrible secret that is the cause of his family's unhappiness. This coming of age story is inspired by true life events of writer / director Paul Johansson about love, hope and acceptance.

Johansson, here making his feature film directing debut, is well known as a successful actor onscreen ("*John Q,*" "*She's So Lovely,*" "*Lonesome Dove,*" "*Soap Dish*").

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Gena Rowlands is a two-time Academy Award nominee for Best Actress (“*Gloria*,” “*A Woman Under the Influence*”) and two-time Emmy winner (for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Miniseries or a Special, both for “*The Betty Ford Story*” and “*The Face of a Stranger*”). She is currently nominated for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Miniseries or a Movie, for her performance in “*Wild Iris*.” The Emmy Awards will be presented on September 22nd.

The producers of “**THE INCREDIBLE MRS. RITCHIE**” are Chad Oakes and Mike Frislev. The executive producers are Nick Cassavetes, Walter Josten, Phil Alberstat, Steve Robbins, Jim Reeve, and Jana Edelbaum.

“**THE INCREDIBLE MRS. RITCHIE**” is a Canadian / UK co-production, produced by NOMADIC PICTURES and VISIONVIEW FILMS / ANAFI PRODUCTIONS in the UK. The picture is being made in association with A-CHANNEL, THE MOVIE NETWORK, SUPER ECRAN and MOVIE CENTRAL in Canada and SHOWTIME Networks Inc. in the U.S. The CanWest Independent Producers Fund, The Alberta Foundation for the Arts, and CAVCO provided further assistance.

Nomadic Pictures is a Calgary based production company, developing and producing features, MOW’s and TV series, including “*Hugo Pool*” and “*Ebenezer*.” Last year Chad Oakes and Mike Frislev produced two films in Calgary: “*Cover Story*” and “*White Lies*,” which world premiered at the 2001 Calgary International Film Festival.

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