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**Nomadic Pictures of Calgary - after a decade of growth Calgary's now largest feature and television film production company looking to win an *Outstanding Miniseries Primetime Emmy for "Broken Trail"***

CALGARY, ALBERTA – On Sunday night, September 16, at the 59<sup>th</sup> Primetime Emmy Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, Nomadic Pictures' **Chad Oakes** and **Mike Frislev** will be on hand to see if their 2006 production, "Broken Trail," wins the Emmy for Outstanding Miniseries. If it does, Oakes will walk up to accept the statuette on behalf of the pair, alongside executive producer/star **Robert Duvall** and producer/director **Walter Hill**.

It has been a long ride for Oakes and Frislev, who met in Calgary over a decade ago. At the time Oakes was running one of the largest modelling agency in Calgary and admittedly knew little about film, except that he had a nose for creativity. After listening to people constantly tell him he should get into the industry he found himself one day at his grandfather's ranch in Bragg Creek, just outside of Calgary. On the adjacent property the "Lonesome Dove" series was being filmed and this produced a chance meeting between Oakes and Frislev.

Mike Frislev had received his degree in Motion Picture Production from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto, and had written, produced and directed four independent films. He happened to be working on the crew of "Lonesome Dove."

The two men met and decided they had industry skills that complemented one another, and so they formed their independent production company - Nomadic Pictures - in 1995 and produced their first feature, "The Hugo Pool." The film starred **Sean Penn**, **Robert Downey Jr.**, **Alyssa Milano**, **Malcolm McDowell** and **Patrick Dempsey**, and screened at the Sundance Film Festival.

Oakes and Frislev have produced dozens of features, series and television movies since then, and after 11 years are now Calgary's largest feature and television film production company, averaging well over \$30 million in production per year since 2004.

The pair won a Daytime Emmy in 2004, for producing "The Incredible Mrs. Ritchie," which was filmed in Calgary the previous year, but "Broken Trail" is Oakes and Frislev's first Primetime Emmy nomination.

"Broken Trail," which was shot in and around Calgary in 2005, has received 16 Emmy nominations - one more than "The Sopranos." The miniseries stars Robert Duvall, **Thomas Haden Church** and **Greta Scacchi**, who are all Emmy nominated, as is director Walter Hill.

The Primetime Emmy Awards will be broadcast live from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles on Sunday, September 16, beginning at 8:00pm Eastern, 6:00pm Mountain.

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