

## **Production Underway on Biggest Ever Budgeted Chinese Australian Co-Production**

### ***NEST***

**Starring Li Bingbing, Kellan Lutz, Kelsey Grammer,  
Stef Dawson, Shane Jacobson and Wu Chun**

BERLIN (*February 11, 2016*) Filming is underway at Village Roadshow Studios on the Gold Coast, Australia, on the 3-D movie *NEST*, starring Chinese superstar Li Bingbing. Stef Dawson (*THE HUNGER GAMES: MOCKINGJAY 1 & 2*), Chinese popstar and actor Wu Chun and Australian star Shane Jacobson (*THE DRESSMAKER, ODDBALL, KENNY*) have joined the stellar cast, which also includes Kellan Lutz (*THE TWILIGHT SAGA, EXPENDABLES 3*) and Kelsey Grammer (*TRANSFORMERS, ENTOURAGE, NEIGHBORS 2*).

Li Bingbing's most recent film, *ZHONGKUI: SNOW GIRL AND THE DARK CRYSTAL*, on which Arclight Films holds worldwide sales rights, earned \$80M in China last year and she is best known internationally for her work in *TRANSFORMERS: AGE OF EXTINCTION*, *RESIDENT EVIL: RETRIBUTION* and *DETECTIVE DEE: MYSTERY OF THE PHANTOM FLAME*.

*NEST* revolves around a team of scientists who while making the discovery of the century lose a colleague in an ancient labyrinth. The group must battle their way through a swarm of deadly, man-eating funnel web spiders and discover the secret behind the arachnids' power and intelligence - before it's too late.

*NEST*, the biggest-ever-budgeted Chinese Australian co-production feature, is director Kimble Rendall's first 3-D film since *BAIT 3D*, which made its world premiere at the Venice Film Festival and became the highest grossing and most successful Australian film in the history of Chinese cinema.

Producers include Gary Hamilton, Ying Ye and Mark Lazarus, Serena Deng and Li Bingbing. Executive Producers include Mike Gabrawy, Elliot Tong, Todd Fellman, Shi Guirong and Chen Guoxing.

*NEST* is the largest Chinese-Australian co-production to date, with investment funding from Screen Australia and Screen Queensland, and features an award-winning team both in front of and behind the camera. Visual FX will be created by Cutting Edge and the world renowned, Oscar-Winning CG House, Rising Sun Pictures, whose impressive resume includes films from *X-MEN: DAYS OF FUTURE PAST* to *THE GREAT GATSBY*.

Darclight, the edgy genre-driven label of Arclight Films, is handling worldwide sales. Territories already sold include Square One – Germany, Italia – Middle East, Aqua Pinema – Turkey, Viswaas – India, Pioneer – Philippines, Galaxy – Vietnam, Colorful Garden – Myanmar, Cinemaxx – Indonesia, Sahamongkol – Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and and Label – Australia and New Zealand.

*NEST* is produced in partnership with Loongs United Investment Company Ltd. Founded in 2010, Loongs is a Beijing-based based company actively engaged in film and TV investments in China, and was responsible for the Chinese distribution of *JACK RYAN: SHADOW RECRUIT* as well as *REDEMPTION* starring Jason Statham, among other projects.

Li Bingbing is repped by Darren Boghosian at UTA, Fundamental Management and attorney Karl Austen. Kellan Lutz is repped by Chris Fioto at WME and Ryan Daly of Zero Gravity Management. Kelsey Grammer is repped by UTA and Brian Sher.

## About Arclight Films

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Arclight Films additionally encompasses subsidiary labels Darclight Films, the edgy genre-driven division of the company whose films include the worldwide horror hits *WOLF CREEK*, *WOLF CREEK 2* and action thriller *BAIT 3D* (the highest grossing Australian film in the history of Chinese cinema), and a current slate that includes *LOST IN THE PACIFIC* starring Brandon Routh, and Easternlight, a specialty arm showcasing Asian cinema with the largest film library of any non Asian-based indie film label. Films sold under the Easternlight banner include the worldwide blockbuster *FORBIDDEN KINGDOM* starring Jackie Chan and Jet Li, *14 BLADES* starring Donnie Yen, and legendary auteur Chen Kaige's *SACRIFICE*.

The latest additions to Easternlight include ***SNOW GIRL AND THE DARK CRYSTAL*** starring Li Bingbing, ***WOLF WARRIOR*** starring Wu Jing (which opened #1 at the Chinese Box Office, earning more than \$32.5M in one weekend), ***OUTCAST*** starring Nicolas Cage, ***SPECIAL ID*** starring Donnie Yen, ***BADGES OF FURY*** starring Jet Li and Cannes Film Festival “Directors Fortnight” official selection and Toronto International Film Festival Gala Selection ***DANGEROUS LIASIONS*** starring Zhang Ziyi, Cecilia Cheung and Jang Dong Gun.

Some of the latest additions to the Arclight Films’ slate include ***DOG EAT DOG*** starring Nicolas Cage, directed and written by Paul Schrader now in pre-production, ***THE CONFIRMATION*** starring Clive Owen and Maria Bello, directed by Academy Award-winner Bob Nelson (*NEBRASKA*), ***FRANK & LOLA*** starring Imogen Poots and Michael Shannon, ***PREDESTINATION*** starring Ethan Hawke now in release through Sony Pictures, ***LAST KNIGHTS*** starring Clive Owen and Morgan Freeman, ***RECLAIM*** starring John Cusack, now in release through Lions Gate, ***PAPER PLANES*** starring Sam Worthington, and ***A FEW LESS MEN***, starring Xavier Samuel and directed by Mark Lamprell, now in post-production.

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