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KEVIN SORBO AND DEE WALLACE JOIN JUNIOR DETECTIVE AGENCY SEQUEL “SAM STEELE AND THE CRYSTAL CHALICE”

LOS ANGELES, CA (September 23, 2010) – LA based Fantastic Films International is pleased to announce that Kevin Sorbo and Dee Wallace have joined the cast of “Sam Steele and the Crystal Chalice,” which begins principal photography on October 11, 2010.

Kevin Sorbo (Meet the Spartans; Hercules: The Legendary Journeys, Gene Roddenberry’s Andromeda and the upcoming Soul Surfer) is playing the role of “Cash”, an international thief and treasure hunter and **Dee Wallace** (E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial) plays “Ms. Jenkins”, an antique store owner who puts Sam Steele Jr. on the trail for the Crystal Chalice.



“Sam Steele and the Crystal Chalice” is the continuing story of Sam Steele Jr. (Jacob Hays of Disney’s Really Short Report), a 13-year old (with an old style detective inner monolog) who formed his own private detective agency. The story begins with the disappearance of the Crystal Chalice, a priceless Russian treasure dating back to the era of Peter the Great. Hidden in the Soviet Union for many decades, the Crystal Chalice is smuggled by a personal valet into the United States during a visit by the Soviet Premier in the late 1950s. Jump ahead to present day, when Sam Steele Jr. is assigned a book report on the Premier’s visit. His lack of interest takes a 180 degree turn when Ms. Jenkins tells him the story of the Crystal Chalice. Unknown to Sam, an undercover Russian agent and a gang of treasure hunters are also pursuing the Crystal Chalice. It is up to Sam to find the treasure before it falls into the wrong hands.

Katherine McNamara is taking a short break from her work on Broadway’s “A Little Night Music,” where she is co-starring with Bernadette Peters, to reprise her role as Emma Marsh, Sam Jr.’s wisecracking assistant. The experienced cast also includes Ron Dean (The Dark Knight), Mik Scriba (The Negotiator), Jeff Chase (The Mechanic remake, Transporter II), and Gene Wolande (L.A. Confidential, The Negotiator).

Written, produced and directed by Tom Whitus of Silver Hills Pictures, “Sam Steele and the Crystal Chalice,” is the third family film in three years that Fantastic Films International is representing for Silver Hills in the worldwide market.

The first film in this series, “Sam Steele and the Junior Detective Agency” will be released on DVD in the United States through Screen Media on January 4, 2011 and has received glowing reviews from The Dove Foundation who called it “comical”, “charming” and “wonderful” and awarded it their “Family Approved” seal with 4 of 5 stars.

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