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NEW ADAPTATION OF "*Dalton Trumbo's JOHNNY GOT HIS GUN,*" STARRING BEN MCKENZIE, SCHEDULED FOR FALL RELEASE PRIOR TO UPCOMING U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

Truly Indie announced the release of a new film version of Dalton Trumbo's classic anti-war novel, "Johnny Got His Gun," based on the 1982 award-winning Off-Broadway stage play adapted from the best seller.

LOS ANGELES, CA – Greenwood Hill Productions has signed on with Todd Wagner and Mark Cuban's Truly Indie self-distribution company to release its first feature film, "Dalton Trumbo's JOHNNY GOT HIS GUN."

"We are pleased to help Greenwood Hill Productions bring this new vision of a classic piece of social commentary to new audiences," said Kelly Sanders, Executive Director for Truly Indie.

The deal was negotiated by Sanders and Truly Indie's Head of Business and Legal Affairs, Jason Janego, with Rowan Joseph, President of Greenwood Hill Productions.

The movie is a *"live on stage, on film"* version of the novel, based on the stage monologue which won Jeff Daniels an Obie Award and launched his career. Ben McKenzie, best known to audiences from his starring role on the TV series "The O.C." and his feature film work in "Junebug" and "88 Minutes", stars in this one-person 77-minute motion picture.

The film takes place in the mind of an American soldier hit by an artillery shell on the last day of WWI, a quadruple amputee who has also lost his eyes, ears, nose, and mouth, leaving him trapped forever within the confines of his own imagination. The movie explores the interplay between science, medicine, religion, and politics.

The World Premiere is scheduled for Monday, September 22nd at the Paramount Theatre in Austin, TX prior to opening at Landmark's Dobie Theatre on Friday the 26th. The film is also slated for Landmark's Shattuck Theater in Berkeley, CA (Oct. 10th), the Quad Cinema in New York City (Oct. 26th), GoggleWorks in Reading, PA (Nov. 7th), and the Laemmle Sunset 5 in Los Angeles (Nov. 14th). It is expected to pick up additional dates and screens through the end of the year.

A portion of the film's proceeds will be donated to the Fallen Patriot Fund, a non-profit organization established to help families of U.S. military personnel who were killed or seriously injured in Iraq.

McKenzie, who spoke at the 2004 National Democratic Convention, has been actively campaigning for Barack Obama since the beginning of the 2008 primary season.



Truly Indie is a self-distribution initiative under Wagner Cuban Companies, a verticallyintegrated group of media properties co-owned by Todd Wagner and Mark Cuban that also includes the Landmark Theatres chain, Magnolia Pictures distribution company, production company 2929 Productions, and high-definition cable networks HDNet and HDNet Movies. Truly Indie has distributed Neill Dela Llana and Ian Gamazon's CAVITE, Doug Block's 51 BIRCH STREET, and James Scurlock's MAXED OUT. Recently, they released Geoffrey Wright's modern spin on Shakespeare, MACBETH, John Jeffcoat's critically acclaimed comedy OUTSOURCED, Alan White's drama BROKEN, starring Heather Graham and Jeremy Sisto, Award Winning Director Terry Sanders' documentary FIGHTING FOR LIFE, Bruce Van Dusen's "coming of age late" film, BACKSEAT, and the Hennegan Brothers' acclaimed documentary about the Kentucky Derby, THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY. For more information visit: <u>www.trulyindie.com</u>

Greenwood Hill Productions is a Los Angeles, CA based production company, dedicated to producing and developing projects with a strong social and moral perspective that entertain and enlighten audiences. Our mission is to create quality original content for film and television which shows the world both the forest and the trees. For more information visit <u>www.gwhprods.com</u>

Electronic Press Kit available at http://www.johnnygothisgunthemovie.com/press.htm

The official "Dalton Trumbo's JOHNNY GOT HIS GUN" website is: www.JohnnyGotHisGuntheMovie.com

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