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*Sony Pictures Home Entertainment Presents
Jim Henson's Fantasy Adventure Classics in High Definition*

LABYRINTH™ & THE DARK CRYSTAL™

On Blu-ray Disc™ September 29th

Culver City, Calif. (July 20, 2009) – Sony Pictures Home Entertainment celebrates the prolific puppeteer Jim Henson with the Blu-ray™ High-Def releases of quest-fantasies *Labyrinth*™ and *The Dark Crystal*™ on September 29, 2009 for the SRP of **\$27.95** each. As co-writer on both films and director of *Labyrinth* and co-director of *The Dark Crystal*, Henson created alternative worlds full of mystics, magic and mystery complete with a host of creative characters. From the furious to the feathered, the squat to the tall, and everything in between, Henson's unparalleled talent constructed surreal realms where the bizarre and extraordinary come to life.

These fantastical films sparkle in high definition with an array of exclusive Blu-ray special features including commentary with fantasy illustrator Brian Froud, who collaborated with Henson on both films, behind-the-scenes featurettes and deleted scenes. On *The Dark Crystal*, fans can play "SkekTek's Crystal Challenge" Trivia Game and save themselves from the scientist's evil efforts to drain their living essence. Additional Blu-ray exclusives include a Picture-in-Picture "Storyboard Track" and "The Book of Thra," a feature that allows fans to learn about and collect their favorite characters and objects from the movie. On the *Labyrinth* disc, fans can get the inside story behind Labyrinth in the "The Storytellers" Picture-in-Picture track which includes all-new interviews with Cheryl Henson and others from the cast and crew.

Labyrinth Synopsis

David Bowie (*The Hunger*) and Jennifer Connelly (*A Beautiful Mind*) invite you into a magical universe where nothing is what it seems. Babysitting infant stepbrother Toby on a weekend night isn't young Sarah's (Connelly) idea of fun. Frustrated by his crying she secretly imagines the goblins from her favorite book, *Labyrinth*, carrying Toby away. When her fantasy comes true, a distraught Sarah enters a maze of illusion to bring Toby back from a kingdom inhabited by mystical creatures and governed by the wicked Goblin King (Bowie). *Labyrinth* has a run time of 101 minutes and is rated PG.

Bonus Features Include:

- “The Storytellers” – Picture-in-Picture Exclusive
- Making of Documentary: Inside The Labyrinth
- Commentary with Brian Froud
- Journey through the Labyrinth: Kingdom of Characters
- Journey through the Labyrinth: “The Quest for Goblin City”

The Dark Crystal Synopsis

Travel back in time to the faraway planet of Thra where the peace-loving Mystics are fighting to overthrow the evil Skeksis and take back control of their planet. Jen, a member of the Mystics, sets out to find the missing shard of the Dark Crystal that will restore balance to the planet. From the brilliant imagination of Jim Henson, this masterpiece of animation recounts the timeless tale of good vs. evil and has become a cult favorite of children and grown-ups alike. *The Dark Crystal* has a run time of 93 minutes and is rated PG.

Bonus Features Include:

- Commentary with Brian Froud
- Picture-in-Picture Storyboard Track
- The Book of Thra: Dark Crystal Collector
- SkekTek’s Crystal Challenge Trivia Game
- Original Skeksis Language – Test Scenes with Introduction by Screenwriter David O’Dell
- Deleted Scenes
- The World of “The Dark Crystal”
- Reflections of the Dark Crystal: “Light on the Path of Creation”
- Reflections of the Dark Crystal: “Shard of Illusion”

<i>Labyrinth</i>
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<i>The Dark Crystal</i>
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BD SRP: \$27.95

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The Blu-ray Disc versions of *Labyrinth* and *The Dark Crystal* are BD-Live™ enabled, allowing users to get connected and go beyond the discs via an Internet-connected Blu-ray player.

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With additional locations in New York and London, The Jim Henson Company is headquartered in Los Angeles on the historic Charlie Chaplin lot, complete with soundstage and postproduction facilities. Independently owned and operated by the five adult children of founder Jim Henson, the Company is also home to Jim Henson's Creature Shop™, a pre-eminent character-building and visual effects group with international film, television and advertising clients, as well as Henson Recording Studios, one of the music industry's top recording facilities known for its world-class blend of state-of-the-art and vintage equipment. The Company's Henson Alternative brand has recently announced the national tour of "Stuffed and Unstrung," a live puppet improvisational show named one of the top 10 "Best Stage Shows of 2010" by *Entertainment Weekly*.

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