



THE JIM HENSON COMPANY THANKS THE FANS OF FARSCAPE

Company donates props from upcoming miniseries in appreciation of fans' support

HOLLYWOOD, August 23, 2004 – The Jim Henson Company has donated six autographed props used on the set of *Farscape: The Peacekeeper Wars* to the fans of *Farscape* as a thank you for their tireless efforts in making the next chapter in the *Farscape* saga a reality. The announcement was made today by Brian Henson, director and executive producer of the television event and co-CEO of The Jim Henson Company. *Farscape: The Peacekeeper Wars* is scheduled to premiere on the SCI FI Channel on October 17 th 9/8C and the props from the production will be given to the online community at www.watchfarscape.com, a grassroots fan website that receives an average of 400,000 hits per day and has been a leader in the campaign to get *Farscape* back on the air.

Brian Henson said, "It is because of the tireless efforts of the fans that this epic television event is a reality. Your commitment to invite new viewers into *Farscape's* universe has been seen around the world. With the airing of the miniseries coming up fast, your support means more now than ever before and I am grateful for the unending dedication you have all shown. Thank you for all you have done to continue the *Farscape* adventure."

"We're honored to have had the opportunity to contribute in some way to the continuation of this excellent story," says Nina Lump, Webmaster at www.watchfarscape.com. "We're also deeply humbled that The Jim Henson Company has been so supportive of the fans' efforts. The gift of these props will mean a great deal to the whole *Scaper* community and we hope to use in them to encourage fans to stay motivated on spreading the news about *Farscape*."

Produced by The Jim Henson Company in association with Hallmark Entertainment, the four-hour miniseries will continue the adventures of astronaut John Crichton and his intergalactic comrades. The original *Farscape* series aired on SCI FI for four seasons, achieving both critical and ratings success. When the series was cancelled unexpectedly in 2002, fans around the world launched a massive publicity campaign that brought the series to the attention of the key financiers who then came forward to back the miniseries production. Fans have now focused their efforts on inviting new viewers to learn about the show and tune in to the miniseries with the hope of ensuring future adventures in the *Farscape* galaxy. With more than 20 regional groups each running their own individual campaigns, additional national efforts have included:

- Printing 80,000 free promotional postcards to be distributed in bookstores in key markets across the country
- Making the *Farscape* series available on DVD and VHS to more than 1500 public libraries nationwide
- Placing a *Farscape* DVD box set in every Liberty Center and Single Sailor Center in the US Navy
- Ongoing appearances at science fiction conventions throughout the US



The Jim Henson Company has remained an established leader in family entertainment for over 50 years and is recognized worldwide as an innovator in puppetry, animatronics and digital animation. Best known as creators of the world famous Muppets, Henson has received over 50 Emmy Awards and nine Grammy Awards. Recent credits include the Emmy® nominated "Sid the Science Kid," "Dinosaur Train," "Wilson & Ditch: Digging America" and "Pajanimals." Features include "The Dark Crystal," "Labyrinth," "MirrorMask," and "Unstable Fables" and television productions include "Fraggle Rock" and the sci-fi cult series "Farscape."

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 launched 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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