



**THE JIM HENSON COMPANY HIRES NEW
VP OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS, LAURIE DON
Former Lucas Digital, LTD. Controller Joins
The Jim Henson Company**

HOLLYWOOD, June 6, 2004 – Laurie Don has joined The Jim Henson Company as their new Vice President of Financial Operations. The announcement was made today by Peter Schube, President and COO of The Jim Henson Company, to whom she will report. Formerly Controller at Lucas Digital, LTD. (the combined operations of Industrial Light & Magic and Skywalker Sound), Ms. Don brings a rich experience in production finance, planning and accounting to her new post.

“Laurie Don is an excellent addition to our management team,” said Peter Schube, President and COO of The Jim Henson Company. “Her unique experience with financial issues relating to production and visual effects makes her the perfect fit for our business going forward. We couldn’t be more excited.”

As Vice President of Financial Operations, Ms. Don will oversee worldwide financial operations of the Company including planning financial reporting, accounting, production finance and tax. She will work closely with senior management on key financial and operational issues.

Ms. Don joined Lucas Digital, LTD in 1998 and was named Controller the following year, heading up all Production Finance, Financial Planning, General Accounting, Payroll, Treasury and Business Systems. Her previous experience includes Controller at Tele-TV and Director, Financial Controls at Warner Bros. Studio Facilities .

Ms. Don received a Bachelor in Business Administration degree from Baruch College, New York and earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in Cinematography from Columbia University.



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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