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IATSE, DGC CREATE CANADIAN ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY RETIREMENT PLAN

TORONTO – The IATSE and the Directors Guild of Canada have joined forces to create the Canadian Entertainment Industry Retirement Plan. This newly created Retirement Plan, which became effective Sept. 1, will initially have over 11,800 members with assets in excess of \$67 million.

Sturla Gunnarsson, acclaimed director and newly elected National President of the DGC commented, “The DGC looks forward to a strong relationship with the IATSE and to working together to ensure that the Canadian Entertainment Industry Retirement Plan is a meaningful and successful plan for the benefit of all our members.”

According to IA President Matthew Loeb, “This exciting accomplishment achieved by the IA and the DGC underscores what can be accomplished when labour works together toward a common goal. The Canadian Entertainment Industry Retirement Plan will assist members of both organizations to retire with dignity.”

The IATSE is an International Union that represents members employed in the stagecraft, motion picture and television production, and trade show industries throughout the United States, its Territories, and Canada.

(For background information on the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees: www.iatse-intl.org.)

The Directors Guild of Canada (DGC) is a national labour organization that represents over 3,800 key creative and logistical personnel in the film and television industry covering all areas of direction, design, production and editing. The DGC negotiates and

administers collective agreements and lobbies extensively on issues of concern for members including Canadian content conditions, CRTC regulations and ensuring that funding is maintained for Canadian film and television programming.

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