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**THE NIGHT BEFORE COMPLETES POST-PRODUCTION AND
RECEIVES CINEMATOGRAPHIC HONOR**

Los Angeles, CA (April 15, 2003) – The International Cinematographers Guild (ICG) has named *The Night Before's* Director of Photography Christopher Probst as one of nine winners in the 2003 ICG Short Film Showcase.

Probst, currently serving as the Technical Editor for *American Cinematographer Magazine*, was the main camera operator on both the ASC award-winning epic mini series *Uprising* as well as the popular television series *Boomtown*.

This prestigious honor, bestowed upon Probst by the ICG, is one not to be taken lightly. More than 60 entries were submitted by ICG members – made up of approximately 6,000 cinematographers, still photographers, camera operators and assistants – and evaluated by some of the industry's top cinematographers. The films were evaluated on how artistically the scripts and performances translate into moving images that best serve the stories.

"It was an incredibly difficult decision," says Russ Alsbrook, ASC, one of the judges. "The final nine films are extraordinary. You aren't going to see better films at any festival. This is also a great showcase for the writers, directors, actors and everyone else who was involved in creating these films."

The ICG Short Film Showcase premieres in Los Angeles at the Directors Guild of America theatre on April 27. Additional screenings of the Showcase are slated for the Cannes International Film Festival, New York, and other cities yet to be determined around the country.

The Night Before is a heartwarming story about three children in a hospital, each facing a long night ahead of them as they prepare for their respective surgeries and confront some difficult circumstances including friendships, adversity and fear. After a year in post-production, *The Night Before* emerges in full force to a preliminary viewing by the ICG, amid not only positive reviews, but top honors as well. The official release of the film is scheduled for May 2003.

For more information, visit the ICG website at www.cameraguild.com.

For more information as it is available on *The Night Before* visit the official website at www.adakin.com/thenightbefore

The Night Before stars Lucas Riney, Kevin Patrick and Michael Benson. It was written by James Cole, based on his short story, and directed by Jay Holben.

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