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LEGENDARY ACTION CHOREOGRAPHER AND DIRECTOR YUEN WO PING TO DIRECT MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION THRILLER "VIGILANTES"

November 1, 2012 (Santa Monica, CA) – Dragon Star Pictures announced today that it is teaming with legendary action choreographer and director Yuen Wo Ping (*The Matrix, Kill Bill, Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon, Iron Monkey*) and his production company Film Can Production to direct and produce the international action thriller *VIGILANTES*. *VIGILANTES* – *The Lost Order*, the first of a planned trilogy, is scheduled to shoot in 2013 and will be a Canada-China co-production between Dragon Star Pictures and Film Can Production. Birch Tree Entertainment is handling worldwide sales and is representing the film at this year's American Film Market (*AFM*) in Santa Monica, CA.

VIGILANTES will feature stunning action sequences and showcase Yuen Wo Ping's unparalleled ability to create award-winning fight scenes together with a polished storyline, the combination of which will appeal to a wide international audience. This English language film will feature an A-list Hollywood cast who will be announced soon.

"Master Yuen Wo Ping's action directing has contributed greatly to the success of many of the industry's top action films", stated **Art Birzneck**, President of Birch Tree Entertainment and Producer for Dragon Star Pictures. "This project marks the next step in his long and illustrious career and we are very pleased to be working with someone of his caliber".

Anthony Wong, President of Film Can Production commented, "Master Yuen and I are very happy to be teaming up with Dragon Star Pictures on this exciting project. We are committed to building *VIGILANTES* into the next big international action franchise."

Best described as "The Matrix" meets "Wall Street", VIGILANTES-The Lost Order, chronicles the travails of Tess who mysteriously loses her father to a secret hit squad as a little girl. Now a young assassin, Tess hunts down the villains that destroyed her family and uncovers a global financial conspiracy eating at the very roots of democracy.

About Dragon Star Pictures

Dragon Star Pictures is an international production company founded by distribution executive Art Birzneck and hedge fund manager **Nicolas Merzeau** focused on developing high-quality action franchises.

About Film Can Production

Film Can Production is a production company headed by Hong Kong film industry veterans Anthony Wong and Master Yuen Wo Ping.

About Birch Tree Entertainment

Birch Tree Entertainment, founded in 2003 by President & CEO Art Birzneck, is an international film sales and production company specializing in high quality martial arts and action films for the worldwide marketplace.

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