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U.S. RELEASE SET FOR CFP'S STAG

(NEW YORK, NY - May 8, 1997) *STAG*, produced on location in New York City by Cinepix Film Properties (CFP), will have its worldwide premier on HBO, June '97, followed by a U.S. theatrical release in September and a video release by Cabin Fever in early '98.

According to CFP executive Vice President Jeff Sackman, the company hopes to follow in the footsteps of films such as *The Last Seduction* and *Red Rock West* by using the cable premier as a stepping stone to a theatrical release in major markets.

"We believe that *Stag* has a theatrical look and a cast and theme that will appeal to a wide audience," said Sackman.

The \$4.25 million film directed by rising talent Gavin Wilding, Produced by CFP's Michael Paseornek and John Dunning, Executive Produced by Sackman and Andre Link and shot by award winning cinematographer, Maryse Alberti (*Crumb*, *Poison*), stars Mario Van Peebles, Andrew McCarthy, Kevin Dillon, William McNamara, Jerry Stiller, John Henson, Ben Gazzara, John Stockwell, and Taylor Dayne.

At Cannes, *Stag's* world-wide sales are being handled by CFP's Vice President of International Sales Marie-Claude Poulin and Sales Manager Paola Zingaro at the company's festival office, Residence Du Grand Hotel, 44 Croisette, entree Flamand, 40CH.

In the past year, CFP, a leading independent distribution and production company with offices in New York, Los Angeles, Toronto and Montreal has become a major independent producer of feature films with *Stag* scheduled for a summer release; *Buffalo '66*, starring Anjelica Huston, Vincent Gallo, Christina Ricci, Ben Gazzara, Rosanna Arquette and Mickey Rourke in post production; *Johnny Skidmarks*, starring Francis McDormand, John Lithgow and Peter Gallagher, currently in production; and *Tom and Jerry*, starring Joe Mantegna, Ted Danson, William H. Macy, Charles Durning, Peter Riegert, and Sam Rockwell in pre-production. In addition, Steve Buscemi is slated to direct *Prisoner of Love*, and Graham Theakston (*Politician's Wife*) will direct Paul Hapenny's screenplay *Vig* in the Fall of '97. CFP's US theatrical division has released the critically acclaimed Sundance Winner *Heavy*, the '96 Slamdance Grand Jury Prize winner *The Daytrippers*, and in June will release Peter Greenaway's *Pillow Book*.

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