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Press Release

Risky Spiderman Filming, Animals Boarding Evan's Ark Are Among the Unique Risks Covered in Hollywood's Upcoming Summer Blockbusters

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NOVATO, Calif. (May 3, 2007) – If the custom-built ark featured in the upcoming summer movie, "Evan Almighty," was damaged or if any of the trained animals filmed boarding that ark ran amuck on the Universal Studios lot, the film's producers would have faced a financial crisis approaching Biblical proportions.

This scenario was only one consideration evaluated by Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, the largest insurer of Hollywood films, as it underwrote several summer flicks, starting with "Spiderman 3" which opens on Friday.

"Every movie we insure is unique, and this summer's lineup of major blockbusters – action films, comedies and period pieces, some shot in remote locations – was no exception," said Joseph Finnegan, vice president of the entertainment division for Fireman's Fund®.

With an over 80-year history of insuring major Hollywood studio films, Fireman's Fund entertainment division underwriters and loss control experts believe each movie presents new challenges. The company is dedicated to helping producers and studios achieve the artistic results they are seeking, yet also ensuring they are filmed safely, finished on time and on budget. This is done by analyzing risks and finding solutions to cover specific exposures.

Without insurance, studios and financial backers would never invest in big budget productions where a simple accident would result in a substantial financial setback.

For example, director Sam Raimi's "Spiderman 3" was a physically challenging film for stars Tobey Maguire, James Franco and Thomas Haden Church, who depicts the Sandman character. Risky scenes are always potentially problematic when they concern a film's lead actors, who could be injured and then sidelined, halting production.

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Another upcoming feature, "The Bourne Ultimatum," was filmed in several foreign locations, including London, Madrid, Tangiers, Paris and Riga. International film shoots present a variety of risks such as health and medical concerns for actors and crew, and safe transport of equipment and film negatives. The unique, custom-made costumes were a major consideration for the sequel, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix."

Among those films insured by Fireman's Fund for release this summer are: "Spiderman 3," starring Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst (May 4); "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End," with Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightly (May 25); "Ocean's Thirteen," starring George Clooney and Brad Pitt (June 8); and "Evan Almighty," featuring Steve Carell and Morgan Freeman (June 22).

Later summer releases include "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," starring Daniel Radcliffe (July 13); "The Bourne Ultimatum" with Matt Damon, Julia Stiles and Joan Allen (August 3); and "Rush Hour 3" featuring Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker (August 10).

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