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**SASKATCHEWAN-MADE FEATURE FILM
HUNGRY HILLS
TO RECEIVE WORLD PREMIERE AT
THE TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

August 6, 2009 (Regina, SK) Saskatchewan Film and Video Development Corporation (SaskFilm) is pleased to announce that the Saskatchewan-made feature film *Hungry Hills* will receive its world premiere at the prestigious Toronto International Film Festival this September.

"Having a Saskatchewan-made film premiere at this influential film festival raises the profile of our film and television industry on an international stage," says **Susanne Bell, CEO and Film Commissioner of SaskFilm**. "It is a great honour for Saskatchewan's producers, director and technicians to have their talents and hard work recognized by their peers."

An adaptation of the award-winning novel *Hungry Hills* by legendary Canadian author and playwright George Ryga, the film was directed by Saskatchewan-based director **Rob King** (*Something More, Rabbit Fall, Corner Gas*) and was adapted for screen by **Gary Fisher** (*Incredible Story Studio*). The scenic hills and rolling countryside of southern Saskatchewan's Qu'Appelle Valley provide the setting for Ryga's story of a young man's desperate attempts to overcome poverty and discrimination.

Hungry Hills stars Keir Gilchrist (*United States of Tara*), Alexander De Jordy (*Sticks and Stones*), John Pyper-Ferguson (*Brothers & Sisters*), Gabrielle Rose (*Grace*), Alexia Fast (*Kaya*) and Cavan Cunningham (*Corner Gas*).

Rhonda Baker of Saskatchewan-based RGB Productions Inc. produced the film alongside Rob King (Rattlesnake Productions Inc.), Avi Federgreen (Federgreen Entertainment Inc.) and Gary Fisher (Helicon Productions Inc.). Jennifer Jonas and Leonard Farlinger of New Real Films with Saskatchewan-based Gerard Demaer of Gerard Productions executive produced.

"It's been a long journey from script to screen. Telefilm Canada and SaskFilm have been supportive partners who provided much needed financial assistance," says **producer Rhonda Baker**. "With outstanding Saskatchewan crew and amazing Canadian talent we feel confident we have made a feature film that audiences of all ages will enjoy."

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SaskFilm and Video Development Corporation (SaskFilm) enables the film, television and interactive industry in Saskatchewan to continually enhance the quality, quantity and marketability of its products and resources. SaskFilm was established to stimulate and foster the development of an indigenous film, television and interactive industry through the administration of the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit Program; management of the state of the art Canada Saskatchewan Production Studios; and by providing financial assistance to qualified production companies for purposes of developing, producing and distributing film, television and interactive products. Visit www.saskfilm.com.

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