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## <u>CHRISTOPHER NOLAN AND WARNER BROS. PICTURES</u> <u>RETEAM FOR NEW SCI-FI ACTIONER "INCEPTION"</u>

NOLAN WILL DIRECT FROM HIS OWN ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY

BURBANK, CA – Filmmaker Christopher Nolan, the director and co-writer of the critically lauded summer blockbuster "The Dark Knight," will helm a new film entitled "Inception" for Warner Bros. Pictures. The announcement was made today by Jeff Robinov, President of Warner Bros. Pictures Group.

Nolan also wrote the original screenplay for "Inception," which is described as a contemporary sci-fi actioner set within the architecture of the mind. The film will be produced by Nolan and his longtime producing partner Emma Thomas, who served as a producer on "The Dark Knight."

"Inception" will go into production this summer and is being planned for release in the summer of 2010.

In making the announcement, Robinov stated, "Chris Nolan is a visionary filmmaker who continually raises the bar with each movie he makes. We are thrilled to be collaborating again with him and Emma on this exciting new motion picture."

Christopher Nolan was most recently honored with a Directors Guild of America (DGA) Award nomination for his groundbreaking work on "The Dark Knight." He also shared in nominations for a Writers Guild of America Award, with Jonathan Nolan and David S. Goyer, and a Producers Guild of America Award, with Emma Thomas and Charles Roven. Opening to worldwide critical acclaim in July 2008, "The Dark Knight" broke every available box office record on its way to becoming the top-grossing release of the year and the second-highest-grossing film (domestically) of all time.

Nolan previously co-wrote and directed the dramatic thriller "The Prestige" and the action hit "Batman Begins," and directed the suspense thriller "Insomnia." The filmmaker had earlier written and directed the innovative crime drama "Memento," for which he received Oscar<sup>®</sup> and Golden Globe nominations for Best Screenplay, as well as a DGA Award nomination. The film also won four Independent Spirit Awards, including Best Feature, Best Director and Best Screenplay.

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