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## **Governor Bill Richardson Announces Two New Feature Films For Albuquerque**

SANTA FE-Governor Bill Richardson today announced two new feature films, "Welcome To America" and "Fanboys" will be shot in Albuquerque. Together these projects will employ approximately 80 New Mexicans.

"New Mexico offers filmmakers--qualified crews, tax incentives, and diverse filming locations," said Governor Richardson. "Because of that, the film industry has brought more than \$600 million in economic impact and thousands of new jobs to our state since 2003."

"We welcome both of these productions to Albuquerque," stated Mayor Martin Chavez. "The film industry brings new dollars and good jobs to our city and we plan on continuing to be one of the most desirable cities in the country to shoot in."

"Welcome To America" stars Academy Award winning actor Kevin Kline as a Texas cop who joins with a Mexico City teenager to embark on a desperate quest for loved ones enslaved in the international epidemic of sex trafficking.

The film also stars Alicja Bachleda, Cesar Ramos, Paulina Gaitan, Marco Perez, and Guillermo Ivan.

Marco Kreuzpainter is directing and Roland Emmerich and Rosilyn Heller are producing.

"We've been shooting "Welcome To America" in New Mexico for two weeks and couldn't be more pleased with our progress," said Rosilyn Heller, Producer. "We've found diverse locations in Albuquerque that effectively portray settings from El Paso, Texas to Paterson, New Jersey. All of our New Mexico-based crew members have been

exceptional and the Albuquerque residents we've encountered have been friendly, courteous, and extremely professional.”

“Fanboys” is about a group of Star Wars fans who travel the country and raid The Lucas Ranch in 1997 to fulfill their dying friend’s dream. Principal cast members have yet to be announced.

The project will be directed by Kyle Newman and produced by Evan Astrowsky, Dana Bruchetti, and Matt Perniciaro. Shooting will begin in February.

“It’s great to be back in New Mexico so soon,” stated Scott Lumpkin, Line Producer for “Fanboys”. “I love it here. The crew and the staff of the NM Film Office are qualified, dedicated individuals who are a pleasure to work with.”

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