



STARFIELD ANNOUNCES ITS 2011 DOCUMENTARY FILM AND SERIES SLATE

MICHAEL IRONSIDE TO NARRATE *Alien Life* and *Universe*

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TORONTO - Mark Pickering and Philip Jackson are pleased to announce Starfield's four-title documentary feature film and mini-series slate for 2011.

1) ALIEN LIFE is an exciting and new science-driven take on the questions of whether or not we are alone in the Universe. With a serious investment in original special effects footage, and actual space exploration footage, we look at the likelihood of life evolving in the universe and the prospects of such alien life forms communicating with us. Fascinating questions are provoked by new data and amazing new space-based observations. *Alien Life* features big-screen quality special FX. *Alien Life* is narrated by star **Michael Ironside**.

2) MELTDOWN, In the Fields of Negative Energy (96 min) is a unique Sci-Fi adventure and hard documentary hybrid. In *one universe* an epic sci-fi adventure packed with special effects and action unfolds - until we're carried through a space wormhole to a *parallel universe*:

In that parallel universe, producers funding the production of the story happening in the first universe - are in an imploding world. The financial Meltdown of 2007-08 threatens the very existence of the first universe, and footage intended for a "*making of*" becomes the backbone of the ultimate, fiery, "*unmaking of*".

Meltdown delves into an unseen side of show-biz, producers doing battle in the murky worlds of film and TV finance, the dealing, the double dealing, the broadcasters crashing and individuals who throw their life's savings and a Caribbean resort into the show as death threats fly.

Meltdown is both an outrageous behind-the-scenes ride and the ultimate mash-up from unfinished bits and pieces a full Episode One of sci-fi series *Ice Planet* is somehow put together - here for the first time. It's fashioned from tests, animated storyboards, completed and unfinished special effects, cast read-throughs, fight and action tests, casting tapes and every element from pre-production, bringing to life the story that would have been. "*It's the best TV series never made*". **Meltdown in the Fields of Negative Energy** is a *Starfield Indie*, Circles & Lines GmbH, Classic Productions Ltd. production

3) LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE (6 x 46 min) in 3D is a spectacular science documentary series. From the fundamental forces that hold our bodies together, to the impact of massive comets that brought water to our world, this show traces the incredible chain of events that lead to life on Earth -and most likely- throughout the Universe. It's an epic scientific journey and philosophical quest that takes us as close as possible to answering an essential question of any Earth-bound citizen - Why, do I exist? *Life in the Universe* is a co-production between: *Starfield Indie*, Circles & Lines GmbH and Classic Productions Ltd. It is also narrated by sci-fi star **Michael Ironside**.

4) *Inside the Fortress Cities* is a documentary using recent G20 summits as a lens that examines the international context of security, media and protest. It's 1 x 96 min and also available as 2 x 1h Political Science Documentary

When world leaders convene at a major event, such as the G20, there are security concerns, media restrictions and efforts to control protestors. This film looks at the impact (or not) of these events around the world. We seek to understand the forces at play on an international level, and how those forces affect media and human rights on the ground.

We use the interactions and sometimes collisions of these forces as a snapshot of the changing balance between nations, the world community, and individual rights. Starfield had 4 camera teams in recent G20 action, capturing some astonishing footage from violent protest, violent arrests and a city in lockdown, to astonishing interviews with international delegates on the relationship of the international politics to life on lived on the local scale.

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BACKGROUND NOTES:

STARFIELD INDIE: Starfield Independent Studios Inc. "*Starfield Indie*", is a creative Toronto (Canada) and London (UK) studio developing and producing stories as feature films, TV series, and trans-media. Our president is producer/financier Mark Pickering (London). Writer/Producer Philip Jackson (Toronto) is Co- President and Head of Production & Development.

Mark is a Cambridge (UK) and Columbia (US) graduate IP and entertainment lawyer and a producer of theatrical and documentary films and series. Mark has funded some 30 independent features, including Kenneth Branagh's *The Magic Flute* (premiered at the Venice and Toronto festivals), and opening theatrically across North America in late 2011.

Philip is a critically and commercially successful, producer/writer of 25 award-winning feature films and scripted-drama series (e.g. *Starhunter*). He also has many recognized factual and documentary programs to his credit.

MICHAEL IRONSIDE Canadian star Michael Ironside will narrate. In television he began his science fiction work in the popular series *V* before moving on to such series **as *Andromeda, The Outer Limits, Smallville*** and *ER*. On the big screen, Ironside's credits exceed 120 films, including *The Perfect Storm, Total Recall, Starship Troopers, Top Gun, and Scanners*.

In the gaming world, Michael has a huge fan reach for his work as the voice of **Sam Fisher** in **Tom Clancy's** highly successful video game *Splinter Cell* and its many sequels including *Splinter Cell: Pandora Tomorrow* and *Chaos Theory*.

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