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The Definitive Chronicle of the Making of the 1984 Wes Craven Classic, *A Nightmare On Elm Street*: *Never Sleep Again: The Elm Street Legacy*

Los Angeles, CA— *Never Sleep Again: The Elm Street Legacy* officially began lensing on August 22, 2009, in and around Los Angeles. Starring and narrated by Heather Langenkamp, star of the seminal 1984 horror classic *A Nightmare on Elm Street* and two of its sequels (1986's *A Nightmare on Elm Street 3: Dream Warriors* and 1994's *Wes Craven's New Nightmare*), this thrilling retrospective promises to be the definitive look at the making of the iconic horror series and the enduring legacy of its wise-cracking, razor-gloved villain: the indefatigable "bastard son of a hundred maniacs" known as Freddy Krueger.

For a quarter century, Freddy has slashed his way through the nightmares of generations of moviegoers in one of the most artful, spectacular, and terrifying film franchises in motion picture history. To characterize the *Nightmare on Elm Street* series as a modern cultural phenomenon would be a gross understatement. To date, the eight (soon to be nine) *Elm Street* films have scared up well over half a billion dollars in box office receipts in the U.S. alone, launching the careers of such Hollywood luminaries as Frank Darabont (*The Shawshank Redemption*), Renny Harlin (*Die Hard 2*), Patricia Arquette (*Medium*), Brian Helgeland (*L.A. Confidential*) and even Johnny Depp. Little did Freddy's "father," veteran writer/director Wes Craven, know that his terrifying, child-killing creation would go on to become a cult hero and spawn his very own cottage industry.

"Freddy is like the 'unholy spirit' in the trinity of modern monsters alongside Jason from *Friday the 13th* and Michael Myers from *Halloween*," says director and producer Daniel Farrands, who previously helmed the hit documentary *His Name Was Jason: 30 Years of Friday the 13th* and produced the 2009 Deluxe Editions of the *Friday the*



13th films for Paramount Home Entertainment. A veteran of the horror genre, Farrands most recently served as a producer of the hit supernatural thriller *The Haunting in Connecticut*, which has grossed nearly \$80 million worldwide.



“The *Nightmare* franchise has had such a huge impact on the genre and its fans and is truly an important piece of horror history,” adds producer/writer Thommy Hutson (*Scooby-Doo in Where’s My Mummy, His Name Was Jason*). “These films proved that horror could be both terrifying and dramatic, thrilling and groundbreaking. And that’s why we’re so thrilled to bring fans an extensive behind-the-scenes look into Freddy Krueger’s hallucinogenic world like never before. It’s a way of paying tribute to Wes Craven’s original vision, which has inspired so many of us... and given us a few really good nightmares, too.”

In addition to the sweeping feature-length documentary, the two-disc DVD release of *Never Sleep Again: The Elm Street Legacy* will feature over four hours of nightmare-inducing extras, including extended interviews and an all-new episode of Sean Clark’s *Horror’s Hallowed Grounds*, which will give fans an exclusive tour of the original *A Nightmare on Elm Street* film locations.

Never Sleep Again: The Elm Street Legacy will be released May 4, 2010.

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