



AMERICA'S 400TH ANNIVERSARY

The Journey That Changed the World

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Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation to Host East Coast Premiere of Terrence Malick's "The New World"

New Line Cinema's Film, Inspired by Story of the Nation's Founding, Debuts on the Eve of America's 400th Anniversary Events

Williamsburg, Va.— Colonial Williamsburg and the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation today announced that "The New World," director Terrence Malick's interpretation of the Jamestown story, will make its East Coast debut at Colonial Williamsburg's historic Kimball Theatre, on December 21, 2005. Two red-carpet, invitation-only screenings of "The New World" will occur on the eve of America's 400th Anniversary, an 18-month series of events commemorating the 1607 founding of Jamestown. Jamestown was the first permanent English settlement in the Americas.

"This film will help raise awareness of Jamestown and its pivotal role in the nation's development as we prepare to launch America's 400th Anniversary," said Colin Campbell, chairman and president of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. "As a major sponsor of the commemoration, Colonial Williamsburg is proud to work with New Line to premiere this film within a few miles of the Jamestown sites."

"We believe this film will have international impact for Virginia. It will spur visitation to the sites where the story took place and was actually filmed," said Sen. Tommy Norment, co-chairman of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation.

This sweeping adventure stars Colin Farrell as Captain John Smith, Christopher Plummer as Captain Christopher Newport, Christian Bale as John Rolfe, August Schellenberg as Chief Powhatan, and introduces Q'orianka Kilcher as Pocahontas. Renowned writer and director Malick and his production staff filmed scenes at Historic Jamestowne and nearby locations; they also incorporated into the sets many of the concepts revealed by recent archeology and research. Jamestown Settlement's re-created 1607 ships – *Discovery*, *Godspeed* and *Susan Constant* - were used in the filming. "The New World" opens in limited release December 25, 2005 and nationwide January 13, 2006.

Jamestown 2007, a sub-agency of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, is coordinating efforts to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Jamestown, Va., the first permanent English settlement in the Americas. Jamestown is also the site of the nation's first representative government, free enterprise and multi-cultural society. State, national, and international commemorative events to salute these legacies begin in May 2006 and continue into 2008. Major corporate sponsors of America's 400th Anniversary include Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC) and Colonial Williamsburg. More information about the commemoration is available at www.Americas400thAnniversary.org.

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