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# BREAKOUT

A film by John Bradshaw

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### **SYNOPSIS**

Zack Hadley is on the verge of introducing a new alternative energy to the world: a unique environmentally friendly super battery capable of powering a car. But the oil cartels are not pleased with Zack's new invention. They send in their goons to kidnap Joe, Zack's son. The kidnapers get more than they bargained for in Joe, who is a technical wiz-kid and the leader in a trio of environmentally friendly ninja kids. Now it's up to these young eco-warriors to figure out who is behind all of this. The three sleuths uncover a plot to remove Zack and his family permanently! Worst of all they discover that Larry, Zack's partner, is the master criminal. With time running out, the kids rush to save Joe's parents. Pulling no punches, Maggie and Derek trash the goons while Joe out-smarts Larry in a whirlwind climax, saving his parents and the day.

A heart-warming Disney style action adventure for the whole family.

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### CAST

**ROBERT CARRADINE:** Stars as Zack Hadley, quirky inventor.

Robert Carradine is best known for his starring roles as the "nerd" in Fox's REVENGE OF THE NERDS which spawned such sequels as REVENGE OF THE NERDS 2: NERDS IN PARADISE, REVENGE OF THE NERDS 3: THE NEXT GENERATION and REVENGE OF THE NERDS 4: NERDS IN LOVE. Carradine has also appeared in such acclaimed features as ALADDIN & HIS WONDERFUL LAMP directed by Tim Burton, Robert Altman's THE PLAYER in which he played himself, the Academy award winning COMING HOME with Jane Fonda and John Voight, Martin Scorsese's MEAN STREETS with Harvey Keitel and Robert De Niro, John Carpenter's BODY BAGS, and Stephen King's THE TOMMYKNOCKER'S. Mr. Carradine has also appeared in John Carpenter's ESCAPE FROM LA and MTM Entertainment's LOST TREASURE OF LOS SANTOS with half brother David Carradine and Lee Majors.

**J. EVAN BONIFANT:** Stars as Joe Hadley, Zack's wiz-kid son.

A gifted young actor, Evan Bonifant has been described by many in the entertainment industry as "An actor poised on the verge of stardom." Evan's strong theater background in such award winning plays as RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR, A PENNY FOR THE GUY and 17 BLACK led the way to a series of award winning commercials including a hit music video for ELTON JOHN directed by Gus Van Sant. Riding a wave of success, Evan had a lead role in John Landis' sequel BLUES BROTHERS 2000 with Dan Akroyd and John Goodman. Evan also has leads in Disney's popular THREE NINJA'S KICKBACK playing "Turn Turn" directed by Charles Kanganis as well as the PBS sensation DOTTIE GETS SPANKED. Among Evan's television credits are-series regulars and guest appearances on NBC's LAW & ORDER, ABC's FULL HOUSE, NBC's MAN & BEAST, CBS's DIAGNOSIS MURDER, Fox's MY WILDEST DREAMS, SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE and a recurring role on ABC's hit soap ONE LIFE TO LIVE. When not acting, Evan enjoys rollerblading and biking with his friends.

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### **CAST (continued...)**

**HOLLY GAGNIER:** Stars as Lynn Hadley, Zack's lovely wife.

Talented and beautiful, Holly Gagnier's spans a variety of medias. After a successful ballet career as a principal ballerina, Holly started to work in television at a young age. Among her television credits are series regulars on the hit show BAYWATCH with David Hasselhoff and Pamela Lee Anderson, award winning soap opera's ONE LIFE TO LIVE, DAYS OF OUR LIVES and ABC's GUYS LIKE US. She has also guest starred in numerous television shows which include the Emmy award-winning ER, the hit show FRIENDS, WINGS, HBO's hilarious DREAM ON, NBC's SEAQUEST with Roy Scheider, the Emmy award winning PBS special KEIKO, KUNG FU: THE LEGEND CONTINUES and at least thirty other MOW's and television shows. Going interactive, Holly starred in the highest grossing CD-ROM of the time, WING COMMANDER IV opposite Mark Hamill and Malcom McDowell. Her feature film credits include the highly acclaimed THE UNDERTAKER'S WEDDING with Adrien Brody and Jeff Wincott, AARON GILLESPIE WILL MAKE YOU A STAR, DEATH DANCE directed by Derrick Louw, THE RETURN with Cybill Sheppard and Raymond Burr and New World Pictures GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN with Helen Hunt and Sarah Jessica Parker.

**JAMES HONG:** Stars as Larry Hwang, Zack's devious partner.

Known to many as "The man of a thousand faces", James Hong's film roles have ranged from Faye Dunaway's ominous butler in CHINATOWN to a demented scientist who manufactures eyeballs in the futuristic BLADERUNNER. Mr. Hong has amassed an incredible four hundred and thirty feature film and television credits, including BIG TROUBLE IN LITTLE CHINA with Kurt Russell, TANGO & CASH with Sylvester Stallone, WAYNE'S WORLD II with Mike Myers, BLACK WIDOW with Debra Winger and Dennis Hopper, THE SHADOW with Alec Baldwin, OPERATION DUMBO DROP with Danny Glover, GOLDEN CHILD with Eddie Murphy and MISSING IN ACTION with Chuck Norris. Mr. Hong has also guest starred in many hit television shows including the now famous SEINFELD "Tile Chinese Restaurant" episode, X-FILES playing the "Hard-faced man", FRIENDS, HOME IMPROVEMENT, MAGNUM PI, WHO'S THE BOSS? and ELLEN. In between acting, James has produced and directed several features, such as CATHERINE'S GROVE, THE VINEYARD and THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MARTIAL ARTS video.

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### **CAST (continued...)**

**RICHARD ANDERSON:** Guest stars as the American Businessman.

Known best as "Oscar Goldman", executive producer and star Richard Anderson was there for television's bionic beginning with the SIX MILLION DOLLAR MAN and THE BIONIC WOMAN and three very highly-rated *bionic* features thereafter. In the halcyon days of the major studios, Anderson was under contract to MGM where he appeared in over twenty-six films. Other feature film credits include Stanley Kubrick's PATHS OF GLORY, the academy award winning TORA! TORA TORA!, Turner's GETTYSBURG, and Miramax's critically acclaimed THE GLASS SHIELD directed by Charles Burnett. Anderson has appeared in over one hundred and fifty television episodes including the hit shows PERRY MASON, BONANZA, MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE, THE FUGITIVE, THE RIFLEMAN, MOD SQUAD, GUNSMOKE, DYNASTY, KUNG FU: THE LEGEND CONTINUES and MURDER SHE WROTE.

### **JOHN R. BRADSHAW - DIRECTOR**

BREAKOUT is John's seventh feature as a director. Some of his credits include LETHAL TENDER starring Jeff Fahey, Kim Coates and Gary Busey, THE UNDERTAKER'S WEDDING starring Adrien Brody, Jeff Wincott and Kari Wuhrer, THE BIG SLICE, an Action Comedy starring Heather Locklear, Casey Siemaszko, Leslie Hope, Justin Louis and Nicholas Campbell, Allegro's REAPER with Catherine Mary Stewart and Chris Sarandon, SPECIMEN starring Mark Paul Gosselaar and the Romantic Comedy THAT'S MY BABY! starring Sonja Smits and Tim Webber.

John Bradshaw completed his cinema studies graduating with a BAA in motion pictures from Ryerson University in Toronto. His fourth year student film, NOT ANOTHER LOVE STORY, a one-hour romantic comedy, won best Dramatic Film at the Canadian Student Film Festival in 1979. On graduation John directed a documentary, ANGELS, which won many International awards including a Red Ribbon at the American Film Festival.

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### **PRODUCTION NOTES**

From Nicolas Stiliadis the producer of PUMP UP THE VOLUME and THE SWORDSMAN comes Cinemavault's family action-adventure BREAKOUT- batteries included!

The original and compelling concept for BREAKOUT came to the attention of Mr. Stiliadis at a time when the script was still in development. "When I finished reading Naomi Janzen's script", recalls Mr. Stiliadis, "I realized there was a gap in family entertainment and this story had huge potential so I immediately began pursuing it." Upon purchasing the script Stiliadis notes, "The writing was definitely sound, but I instantly surmised the script needed to be more character driven."

Stiliadis also began pursuing John Bradshaw, an award-winning director with whom Stiliadis had worked with in the past. Once Bradshaw agreed to come on board, he and Stiliadis collaborated closely with the development team, exchanging ideas for a stronger and more family driven story. "I thought it was a great family story", Bradshaw says of the exciting plot twists in Janzen's story.

From the start through the final version of the script, Stiliadis remained clear about the message in BREAKOUT. "All the great action and humour revolves around the main central theme of strong family values. Parents want good decent programming and I feel we've filled this void."

"I've been very fortunate in that we got a cast and crew that is unequalled." says director John Bradshaw.

Seasoned cinematographer Edgar Egger understood how to achieve the right look and feel for this family adventure. "Right away I understood exactly what Nick and John wanted for this film."

The other vital element to the success of BREAKOUT was the cast. The casting of Zack Hadley was particularly challenging in that the producers had to find someone who had an excellent range. For Mr. Stiliadis, ROBERT CARRADINE was clearly the actor to portray the quirky inventor Zack Hadley. Co-Producer Paco Alvarez put it best. "Robert is a consummate performer who brings out the best of himself in every role he plays." Bradshaw adds

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### **PRODUCTION NOTES (continued...)**

"Every take, Bobby gave us one hundred and fifty percent and that's more I can ask from any actor."

"It was a pleasure working with Robert" says Stiliadis "He's an incredible talent who gets deeply involved in every aspect of the film and his role."

Rounding out the rest of the cast was J. EVAN BONIFANT. "Evan Bonifant was wonderful to work with", states Bradshaw. "He's an incredibly intelligent young man who will no doubt go very far."

Then came HOLLY GAGNIER, to play Lynn Hadley. "On every level, Holly was ideal for the role", explains Bradshaw. Stiliadis agrees "Holly was a natural choice for us."

The search, however, for the right actor to play the devious Larry Hwang was particularly challenging. "JAMES HONG stood above the rest", states Stiliadis. "James has the unique ability to bring out so brilliantly the two sides of Larry Hwang's persona." Co-producer Paco Alvarez adds, "Hong's done it all from BLADE RUNNER to CHINATOWN. He is definitely one of the most versatile actors around."

Making a cameo in the film is veteran actor RICHARD ANDERSON known best as "Oscar Goldman" from the hit series THE SIX MILLION DOLLAR MAN. "It was certainly an honour having Richard in our film." says Bradshaw. "The crew loved him too, telling Richard their childhood playground stories of pretending to be the Bionic Man!"

Principal photography commenced at a century old home in the beautiful city of Scarborough, which acted as Zack Hadley's home.

"The location was perfect", says director John Bradshaw. "Because it encompassed all the best elements of family values and suburbia all in one."

In order to prepare for the complex martial arts fights, the kids spent weeks prior to shooting working out the exciting routines for the movie. "As the story developed, I felt the kids had to develop as a team. Reflecting this in their martial art routines was only logical" explains Bradshaw. For such elaborate action scenes the producers turned to action coordinators and world champion martial artists Paul Rapovski, Darren McGuire and Plato Fountidakis. "The kids were great to work with", says Fountidakis. "Safety

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### **PRODUCTION NOTES (continued...)**

was our main concern", states Bradshaw. "All the action scenes were meticulously mapped out shot-by-shot and fully rehearsed."

"The high speed kiddie car chase near the end of the film is hilarious", says Bradshaw "We wanted that "Keystone Cops" look and I'm sure audiences will recognize that right away. After watching BREAKOUT, audiences will agree that the film has a great story, great actors, great family values, all in all, a great time."

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