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Shariff & O'Toole Reunite for "King"

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Two cinema legends, both of whom worked together in the classic "Lawrence of Arabia", are re-teaming for a whole new project. Here's the press release:

"One Night With The King" chronicles the life of the young Jewish girl, Hadassah, who goes on to become the Biblical Esther, the Queen of Persia (400-322 B.C.), who saves the Jewish nation from annihilation at the hands of its arch enemy while winning the heart of the fiercely handsome King Xerxes, played by Luke Goss, 36 ("Charlie" 2004, "Blade II," 2002; "The Man" 2005).

"'One Night With The King' is a multi-million dollar epic teeming with romance and imagery and complete with suspense, political war conspiracies, and religious intrigue," says TBN publicist, Susan Zahn of WDC Media.

"Having motion picture legends Peter O'Toole (the Prophet Samuel) and Omar Sharif (Prince Memucan) starring on the same bill only adds to the film's overall mystique," says Zahn. "Who could forget the stunning epic, 'Lawrence of Arabia' (1962) and its incredible visuals!" exclaims Zahn. "Or the mirage scene in which Omar Sharif appears from the desert mist or the scene where Peter O'Toole returns in Arab garb to be cheered as a hero by his army colleagues?"

The "One Night With The King" cast includes such notable talent as John Rhys-Davies as Mordecai and John Noble as Prince Admantha. Both actors starred in the blockbuster trilogy "Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," "The Two Towers," and "Return of the King." The film also features veteran actor Tommy 'Tiny' Lister Jr. in the lead role of Hegai. Lister has appeared in over 80 films.

With the film's historical background and its majestic sets, the actors cast in "One Night With The King" provide the movie with a rich landscape of ethnic diversity. "This project naturally lends itself to being multicultural," states Tenney. "It stretches across huge cultural divides from religion to ethnicity. Esther, as an historical figure, appeals to both the Christian and Jewish communities worldwide. The fact that the storyline unfolds in ancient Iraq and Iran is of interest to Muslims as well," explains Tenney.

Adapted for film by screenwriter Stephan Blinn and directed by Michael Sajbel, "One Night With The King" is scheduled for theatrical release on March 25th 2005, a date that coincides with the Christian Good Friday and Esther's Jewish Feast of Purim.