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STARSHIP FARRAGUT'S NEW HOMEPORT IN GEORGIA

Award-Winning Internet Series Obtains Soundstage for Permanent Sets

WASHINGTON, DC, January 19, 2009 — Starship Farragut, an independent film project based on the original series of Star Trek, announced the securing of its permanent sets located in historic St. Marys, Georgia; an area right on the border of Georgia and Florida nearby to Interstate 95 and 30 minutes away from Jacksonville International Airport.

“We are so pleased to have a place to build our sets and leave them up indefinitely,” said John Broughton, Executive Producer. “Typically when we film, we build the sets, transport and assemble them at a separate location, film, tear-down, and then store them. Now, we can also build the more complex sets that require a permanent place such as the iconic bridge and transporter room, and not have to worry about teardown and storage. Achieving this milestone will be a breakout year for Starship Farragut as it opens up more avenues for us. We welcome St. Marys, Georgia as Starship Farragut’s new homeport. Speaking of homeports, it’s uncanny that the U.S. naval ship bearing our namesake, the **U.S.S. Farragut** (DDG-99) is homeported in nearby Jacksonville, Florida!”



Farragut Films (Farragut), the film company that produces Starship Farragut, researched extensively for a building in the Greater Washington, DC area; however, the size requirements and accompanying leasing options made it cost prohibitive for the non-profit project to house permanent sets. Therefore, other locations outside the Greater Washington, DC area were considered focusing on the East Coast. Realtor Kimberly Watson identified the W.H. Gross Construction Company, which was able to work with Farragut’s requirements and provide a building conducive to its filming needs. Holly Bednar, Farragut’s Associate Producer, led the effort to obtain the building. She commented, “The hospitality of both Kimberly Watson and Bill Gross, President of W.H. Gross Construction Company, has been extraordinary and the establishment of our permanent sets is a huge milestone for Starship Farragut.”

The advantages of the St. Marys’ soundstage location are the proximity of the I-95 highway, hotels, Crooked River State Park (cottages for lodging), restaurants, stores, and the Jacksonville International Airport. The weather in this region also lends itself well for filming in the colder fall and winter months.

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Last year, Starship Farragut's second film, "For Want of a Nail" won "Best Fan Film of 2008" at the Wrath of Con film festival in Panama City Beach, Florida. Recently, the third and fourth films, "Just Passing Through" and "A Rock and a Hard Place" debuted at the University of Maryland's Hoff Theater. The fifth film, "Hair of the Dog" is in pre-production and will start filming next month. In addition, NEO f/x's production of **Starship Farragut – The Animated Episodes** will be released in the first half of 2009 and features the voices of the Farragut crew in addition to well-known Star Trek guest stars, such as Tim Russ, Chase Masterson, and Chris Doohan (son of James "Scotty" Doohan). Films may be downloaded free at www.starshipfarragut.com.

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About Starship Farragut

Starship Farragut is an independent film series based on the original series of Star Trek. It is based on the crew of the *U.S.S. Farragut*, a sister ship of the *Enterprise* commanded by Captain Jack Carter. The premise of the series – a new ship, new crew, and new adventures. **"These are the adventures of the Starship Farragut..."** The Internet-based series is produced by Farragut Films, a non-profit corporation headquartered in Silver Spring, Maryland with studios in Cincinnati, Ohio and the Greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. For more information, visit www.starshipfarragut.com. Star Trek is the copyright of CBS/Paramount Television.

About Farragut Films

Established in 2004, Washington, DC-based Farragut Films Inc. specializes in producing feature-length films, vignettes, trailers, and other videos in a variety of genres. We have established partnerships with other film companies, to include CGI, special effects, make-up effects, sound mix/effects, musical scores/soundtracks, and specialized post-production work. Farragut Films has studios in the Greater Washington, DC metropolitan area; Cincinnati, OH; and Historic St. Marys, Georgia. www.farragutfilms.com

About Historic St. Marys, Georgia

Escape to yesteryear, and immerse yourself in history*, romance and adventure. Historic St. Marys' enchanting storybook setting on the St. Marys River beckons with white picket fences and charming Victorian Inns. Majestic magnolias and stately live oaks. Fragrant salt air and alluring waters. Quaint shops and captivating cafes. Intriguing history and gentle people. Come discover legends of forgotten battles and daring pirates. The sweetness of honeysuckle and the succulence of our native rock shrimp. Serene sunrises and stunning sunsets. Discover wild horses and armadillos and sea otters. You may even discover yourself. Come see why so many visitors are spellbound to return—some for a day, many for a lifetime. And discover why our visitors often say, "you may leave St. Marys, but St. Marys will never leave you." <http://www.stmaryswelcome.com/> *St. Marys' has a rich history—for more details, please visit: <http://www.stmaryswelcome.com/historycvb.html>.

About W.H. Gross Construction Company

The W.H. Gross Team has built their success on the philosophy of carefully observing their customers' wants, needs and budgets. W.H. Gross provides the best quality craftsmanship and low-maintenance building techniques on every home to provide years of enjoyment for you and your family. All W.H. Gross homes are conveniently located in beautiful communities in southern Georgia and northern Florida, with easy access to Cumberland Island National Seashore, and Jacksonville. If beautiful beaches, boating and golf are among your priorities, W.H. Gross has just the home for you. <http://www.whgross.com/>

About NEO f/x

Established in 2003, Portland, Oregon-based NEO f/x offers its clients the creation and production of original imagery for projects such as logos, corporate presentations, print, television, film, DVD, and the Internet. The company specializes in visual effects work in the areas of 3D animation, otherwise known as CGI, along with compositing, editing, and conceptual design and consultation. In addition to visual effects, NEO f/x also has Total Media Packages available to its clients for 'one-stop shopping' for their multimedia projects.

Please visit their internet site at www.neo-fx.com.