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Award-Winning Film “Wesley” Available for Church Screenings

August 30, 2010 – Foundry Pictures has just announced the availability of a special license for local churches to screen the award-winning independent film **Wesley** for their congregations. The movie, which premiered in 2009, was exhibited at select theaters across the US and at several international film festivals. The home DVD was released in July from Vision Video, www.visionvideo.com.

The movie documents the personal struggles of John Wesley, whose work and ministry would transform the face of England in the 18th century. Now, for the first time, Wesley's fascinating spiritual struggle is presented in this award-winning feature film based on John's own private journals. These journals, kept in a secret code, were not translated until the early 1980s; earlier books and one 1950s feature film were based only on the public record, and did not have access to the private thoughts, doubts, and struggles of this great spiritual leader.

In the movie, we experience the young Wesley's doubts, struggles and the heart-wrenching search for peace that haunted him even as he pours himself into a life of service and evangelism. Young John Wesley works hard to earn his own salvation, but still cannot find lasting peace. His headstrong ways and self-righteous attitude brings conflict and rejection wherever he goes. Follow his journey across the stormy seas to the colony of Georgia where he fails as an evangelist, while breaking the heart of the beautiful Sophy. In defeat, the newly humbled Wesley returns to England in search of genuine faith - and the discovery of God's grace.

John Wesley is well known as the spiritual father of Methodism, and today over 75 million Christians worldwide trace their spiritual heritage back to him. His heartfelt struggles, his passion for authentic faith expressing itself through meaningful kingdom work, and his message of saving grace resonate with audiences of all ages and denominations.

The movie has been featured at several international film festivals, including the Gideon Film Festival, the International Christian Film Festival in Wales, the Heart of England Film Festival in the UK, the

Phoenix International Christian Film Festival, and the CEVMA Film Festival in Milan, Italy. It has won a number of awards, including the Silver Telly Award in the “Religion and Spirituality” category and the Silver Crown for “Best Picture” at the International Christian Visual Media Association’s annual Crown Awards. Unusually for a Christian film, the movie has also won recognition for cinematography and special effects, including the American Pixel Academy’s FEXY Award for CGI effects.

The special church license for congregations is available directly from the official movie web site, www.wesleythemovie.com. License agreements are also available for exhibition at educational institutions. The home DVD may not be exhibited publicly without the purchase of a special exhibition license; **Wesley** is not covered by the CLVI license.

Review screeners of the movie can be obtained by legitimate press representatives directly from Foundery Pictures. Email requests to info@founderypictures.com.

For more information on the film, and a full Press Kit with downloadable high resolution photos, visit the official web site of the film, www.wesleythemovie.com, and click on the PRESS menu item.

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