

MEDIA ALERT

BEOWULF & GRENDEL BENEFIT FILM PREMIERE

WHAT: **WORLD LITERACY OF CANADA** and **EQUINOXE FILMS** present the **Canadian Benefit Film Premiere of BEOWULF & GRENDEL** from award-winning director, **STURLA GUNNARSSON**.

Icelandic-Canadian filmmaker Sturla Gunnarsson has brought an ancient hero to life. Set against the dramatic background of an ocean-battered Iceland, Beowulf & Grendel is an international production starring **Gerard Butler, Sarah Polley, Stellan Skarsgard and Ingvar Sigurdsson**. Beowulf, a poem written in Anglo-Saxon, is believed to be one of the oldest extant works of English literature. Ironically, none of its characters is English. The plot centres on the warrior Beowulf's battle with Grendel, a great and murderous troll.
<http://www.beowulfandgrendel.com/>

WHERE: **OPENING RECEPTION AT THE HELICONIAN CLUB**
35 Hazelton Avenue
PREMIERE SCREENING AT THE VARSITY THEATRE
55 Bloor Street West

WHEN: **MARCH 1, 2006**
Reception begins at 6pm
Film begins at 7:30pm

WHO: Founded in 1955, World Literacy of Canada (WLC) is a non-profit organization that promotes international development and social justice. WLC supports community-based programs that emphasize adult literacy and non-formal education for both children and adults. An active member of the Toronto community, WLC hosts many literacy awareness initiatives including the Kama Reading Series, the St. James Town Storytelling Festival and several children's reading events.

TICKETS: **\$75** can be purchased by calling the World Literacy of Canada office:
416-977-0008

INCLUDES: - Premiere Screening of Beowulf & Grendel
- An invitation to the opening reception with drinks and hors d'oeuvres
- Interview with Sturla Gunnarsson
- Signed film posters
- Special Prizes
- Charitable tax receipt for \$50

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