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ABIGAIL BRESLIN NAMED SHOWEST “FEMALE STAR OF TOMORROW”

BRESLIN TO NEXT STAR WITH JODIE FOSTER IN WALDEN MEDIA’S NIM’S ISLAND

LOS ANGELES — ShoWest has named **Abigail Breslin** ShoWest “Female Star of Tomorrow,” it was announced today by Mitch Neuhauser, co-managing director of the event that will be held March 10-13, 2008, in Las Vegas. Breslin will be presented with the ShoWest Female Star of Tomorrow award at ShoWest’s closing night ceremony on Thursday, March 13, at Bally’s and Paris Las Vegas.

“Since making her big screen debut at the tender age of five, Abigail Breslin has impressed critics and movie fans across the world with her versatile, enchanting and charismatic performances,” said Neuhauser. “From her breakout role in *Signs* to her astounding performance in *Little Miss Sunshine*, Abigail has shown Hollywood that she is a force to be reckoned with, for many years to come. ShoWest is delighted to recognize her extraordinary talent by presenting Abigail with the ShoWest Female Star of Tomorrow award.”

Breslin can next be seen starring alongside Jodie Foster and Gerard Butler in Walden Media’s *Nim’s Island* opening April 4. The film is being marketed by Fox Walden and released by 20th Century Fox. On *Nim’s Island*, a magical place ruled by a young girl’s imagination, anything can happen. It is an existence that mirrors that of her favorite literary character, Alex Rover- the world’s greatest adventurer. But Alexandra, the author of the Rover books, leads a reclusive life in the big city. When *Nim’s* father goes missing from their island, a twist of fate brings her together with Alexandra. Now, they must draw courage from their fictional hero, Alex Rover, and find strength in one another to conquer *Nim’s Island*.

Only 11 years old, Breslin made her feature film debut starring opposite Mel Gibson in M. Night Shyamalan’s 2002 film *Signs*. Best known for her breakout and critically acclaimed role in *Little Miss Sunshine*, Breslin played Olive the ambitious young girl obsessed with winning a beauty pageant. Her performance earned her a Best Actress Award from the Tokyo International Film Festival and she was nominated for an Academy Award®, SAG and BAFTA for Best Supporting Actress. She has also starred along side Kate Hudson in *Raising Helen*, Catherine Zeta-Jones in *No Reservations* and James Garner in *The Ultimate Gift*, while lending her talents to guest roles on *Law and Order: Special Victims Unit*, *Grey’s Anatomy* and *Ghost Whisperer* among many others. She can also be seen later this year in Universal Pictures *Definitely Maybe* co-opposite Ryan Reynolds and in Picturehouse’s *Kit Kittredge: An American Girl*, the first movie adaptation of the classic books.

ShoWest is the largest annual convention for the motion picture industry. It is the only international gathering devoted exclusively to the movie business and the single largest international gathering of motion picture professionals and theatre owners in the world. The 2008 edition of ShoWest will be held March 10 –13, 2008 at Bally’s and Paris Las Vegas and is expected to draw more than 5,000 members of the motion picture industry. Each year, ShoWest attracts delegates from more than 50 countries in North and South America, Europe, Asia and Australia. ShoWest is managed by Nielsen Business Media, a division of The Nielsen Company.

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