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Lost Boys Breeds CG Bacteria for TV Movie “Betrayed”

Vancouver, BC: **Lost Boys Studios** recently completed visual effects production for Gemini Award-winning director **Anne Wheeler’s** (*Suddenly Naked, Better than Chocolate*) latest TV movie, which premiered March 16th on CBC Television. “**Betrayed**” is a tense drama set in the fictional Canadian prairie town of Bullman about a small town coping with contamination of its water supply.

Stars **Kari Matchett**, (*Men with Brooms, Power Play*), and **Michael Hogan** (*Cold Squad, Monk*) race against time to find the source of the e-coli contamination that threatens the very existence of their small town.

Their first project with the acclaimed director, the Lost Boys team worked with Wheeler from conception to final touches. Each shot had to be an intricate part of the story, not just eye candy. The artists enjoyed working with a veteran, award-winning director on one of her first projects that included digital animation.

Pushing reality, Lost Boys artists created biological representations of the infamous **e-coli** bacteria, incorporating the magnified creatures into various dramatic shots: traveling from rainwater into a well, zooming into a baby’s water bottle and traveling through a human mouth into the digestive system.

3D Animators **Arlend Engar, James Lau, Jason Macza, Ken Meyer** and **Chris Uyede** created the microscopic bugs and various environments, using particle systems and modeling in Maya software. VFX Supervisor/Compositor **Mark Meloche** created a shot using aerial footage of an x-ray effect of the town’s water pipe system. Senior Digital Compositor **Kevin Genzel** worked closely with both 3D and **Wheeler** on details that included sewer sludge and intestinal bleeding.

Lost Boys previously worked with Saskatchewan-based “**Betrayed**” Producer **Minds Eye Entertainment** on the TV Series “MythQuest”.

For more information about “Betrayed”, contact Kerry Fraser, Manager of Publicity, Minds Eye Pictures, Email: kfraser@mindseyepictures.com, www.mindseyepictures.com.