



THE GREEN CHAIN WRAPS THIS WEEKEND. THIS FILM IS ON FIRE!

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Just off the coast of BC, a recently burned strip of stunning Galiano Island played host to **The Green Chain** this weekend, as writer/director Mark Leiren-Young (www.leiren-young.ca) wrapped principal photography on his directorial debut.

Leiren-Young, one of Canada's most prolific and versatile writers, also serves as Director on a project that is also doing double duty: both as an ode to trees and a critical look into the endlessly contentious BC logging industry.

The final segment was shot, perfectly enough, in a community owned forest, on a former logging stand that was ravaged by fire just three weeks ago. The forest in Galiano is owned by a charitable group who were wondering how to pay for patrols to make sure the fire stayed out when they were approached by the producers of **The Green Chain** to use the forest for the final shooting day. The location fee paid by the producers will go to help the organization patrol what is still technically an "active" fire site.

Says Director Mark Leiren-Young:

"It was an amazing ending to a wild ride. On a movie that's all about trees and the people who love them, it was perfect that we were able to help people who are fighting to protect a forest."

Actor **Tahmoh Penikett** (Battlestar Gallactica, Cold Squad), playing a forest fire fighter, was the last of seven great actors to film his solo segment in this unique feature.

Penikett joins an ensemble cast of Canadian stars who have already completed their scenes, including **Babz Chula** (Connie and Carla, Seven Times Lucky), **Jillian Fargey** (Protection, The Hamster Cage), **Brendan Fletcher** (RV, Tideland), **Tricia Helfer** (Battlestar Gallactica, Canada's Next Top Model), **Scott McNeil** (Warriors of Virtue, Sleeping with Strangers) and **August Schellenberg** (Eight Below, The New World, Black Robe).

Leiren-Young has written for virtually every medium, in almost every genre. A veteran of TV, film, theatre, radio, magazines and newspapers, Leiren-Young also toured Canada as half of the satirical comedy troupe, *Local Anxiety*.

He's a staff writer and story editor on CHUM Television's upcoming series, Blood Ties. He has two feature scripts under option - *Call of the Wildes* (Chesler Perlmutter) and *Shylock* (Middle Child Films). He wrote, co-produced and co-starred in the TV comedy special, *Greenpieces* for VTV/Green Channel/PBS - which received an EarthVision Award for excellence in environmental programming.

The Green Chain is being produced by Tony Wosk of Middle Child Films, Mark Leiren-Young from Perpetual Motion Productions, and Donna Wong-Juliani. The Green Chain has recently received completion money from Telefilm Canada's Low Budget Program, and is being produced with the participation of TMN - The Movie Network and Movie Central. The film is set to conclude post-production by the end of the calendar year.

Good Company Communications Inc. (The PR firm behind The Corporation, The Take, and Scared Sacred) will be working with Leiren-Young and producers to direct publicity, promotions and grassroots outreach through their HelloCoolWorld.com network.

Leiren-Young is available for interviews. For more information, production stills, or to set up an interview contact Good Company Communications:
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