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Tania Zaetta to star in feature fim 'THE NINJA'.

One of Australia's most recognised television presenters, actress and model, Tania Zaetta is set to explode onto the big screen having recently been attached to a new Australian action feature film with the working title "THE NINJA".

Tania, a regular on screens and a media favourite around the world for the past 15 years teams up with Aussie action man Rob Baard, who will be producing and starring in the film.

The duo go head to head against a corrupt corp. company CEO and group of deadly ninja assassins in what is sure to keep the viewers on the edge of their seats with dazzling action sequences filled with explosions, fight scenes, plot turns and special effects.

Following two years of research into audience demographic and potential return on investment, the feature has been scheduled to be shot at various locations around Victoria including Geelong. Dates for filming will be confirmed once finance and dealings with international sales agents are complete.

Tania, recognised for her international daredevil action show "Who Dares Wins", is very excited about being offered the lead role saying *'I'm such a huge action film fan and this is a dream role for me. Having spent years performing stunts and dares for my TV shows I cant wait to be part of a big feature film like this, the action side is extremely appealing to me'.*

Rob Baard is no stranger to producing, directing and starring in action sequences. In 2004, Rob co-ordinated the closure of one of Geelong's main roads, dazzling over 2000 attendants who braved the cold winter night for a stunt show at the Premiere of Spider-man 2 in Geelong.

The Ninja will be Rob's second step into the cut-throat world of full length films, but he already has plans to turn the film into a franchise. *"The Ninja has been set up with a view to franchise and spin off into other mediums such as comic books and graphic novels,"* he said.

The Ninja will include a production team whose track record includes over 20 years experience in making feature films. Excited about the prospect of working with such a professional team, Rob said, *"We've assembled a great team of industry professionals to deliver high production values for the film and we're excited about Tania's involvement. We're used to managing with little to no budget so it's exciting to see what we can accomplish when working with one."*

"Response to the screenplay and production video blogs has been really exciting. We've developed an original story that addresses relevant issues that people can relate to such as petrol prices, the use of media and the general direction the world is heading as well as some exciting new characters."

Rob is a trained 'action man' and currently ranked in Australia as a "Ninja warrior", which is first degree black belt. He has also directed, produced and starred in "STAR WARS – THE UNTOLD TALE", his first feature film which became a cult fan film. It premiered in cinemas in Geelong and Melbourne in 2006. Among other activities, Rob is also currently producing VTV, an online celebrity interview show for Village Cinemas.

Tania has completed 4 consecutive films including a lead role in the 2005 Blockbuster 'Salaam Namaste'. On the date of its worldwide release in Sept 2005, it showed on 500 screens, including 300 in India. Australian film audiences were amongst those that flocked to see the film shown across nine screens in our country. Salaam Namaste topped the box office chart in India as being the top grossing film of 2005.

NOTES TO EDITORS

The Ninja is being made by Independent Production Company "Film Source". A concept trailer for the film can be seen at:

THE NINJA – www.hewillrise.com

(In addition to that the site has log in and password protection access for investors and distributors who express interest)

2 viral marketing sites have also gone online to generate interest in the picture. They are:

- GNN the news team in the film: www.gnnewsbreak.com
- Global Tech, the corp. company in the film: www.globaltech-international.com

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Film Synopsis

Three months after the murder of Global Tech CEO John Carpenter, a mysterious package is delivered to his assistant, Jenn Summers (Tania Zaetta).

On the same day, two police officers are murdered while investigating a broken down post office van. Assuming the officers identities, the murderers take with them only the delivery information of Jenn's package.

Rob Reeve (Rob Baard), a civilian who emerges from the shadows, helps her escape certain death, leading them into a deadly race against time - a race to prove that they have been framed and to save their own lives.

In a fight against a corrupt company CEO, crooked cops and a group of deadly ninja assassins, Reeve and Jenn can only turn to Detective Matthew Reynolds (John Wesley Shipp), who is hell-bent on discovering the truth. These events leave them all wondering; who decides what's right and when it becomes wrong and who decides the law?

Find out in this hard hitting explosive thrill ride as real life ninja warrior Rob Baard & Aussie action girl Tania Zaetta team up in the action packed film THE NINJA. Fans of films like THE BOURNE IDENTITY will love THE NINJA.

Shooting date

The production is currently finalising international sales agents. Following confirmation, an announcement regarding pre production dates will be made shortly after.