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A Champion Combination Work Together to Help a Dream Come True!

After foregoing a long term dream to be a movie stunt performer to look after his young children who had suffered profound hearing loss at birth, Shaun Trait's ambition looks set to become reality thanks to a combined effort from future action star of the feature film THE NINJA Rob Beard and Australian Stunt Academy principal Colin Handley.

Shaun spent much of his childhood years alongside his long time friend Rob, dreaming up and performing their own stunts for films the pair made outside of school. Rob recalls that, *"While everyone else was sitting in front of their computer games, we were outside developing and filming action sequences."*

In the years following, Shaun was fortunate to meet his wife to be, Janice, and shortly after marrying her, came Amber and Logan, adorable children who both unfortunately suffered from hearing impairments at birth.

Needing to ensure that the family was financially secure and realising that the children would require several operations and ongoing treatment, which included educating the children on how to communicate using Australian Sign Language, Shaun chose to put his dream on hold and pursue a career that would provide the stability and support that his family was going to require ahead of the surgery for the children.

Now, with both children living life to the fullest, Shaun has decided to put the dream he had as a child, back on the agenda and quench the thirst and passion he has for the film industry.

Rob, who is now heavily involved in the industry, heard about Shaun's return and following conversations with Colin, his close contact at the Australian Stunt Academy, mapped a plan to help make Shaun's dream a reality for him.

"When Shaun advised me he was investigating entries into stunt courses, I asked him to pause his search as I knew immediately that I may be in a position to help him, however I just didn't want to let him know that." Rob said.

Rob considers Shaun more than just a long term friend. He sees a man with strong values for family and friends as well as a strong sense of trust and respect.



Opening up about his working relationship with Shaun, Rob reveals, *"Shaun's sacrificed his own dreams for so long as any loving father in his situation would. He has also been one of the key people who have assisted me in getting THE NINJA off the ground and as such, I felt a strong obligation to return the favour to him for all the help he has given me."*

Using Colin's assistance at the Stunt Academy, this coming November will see Shaun start Stunt Training 1 Course, a 100 hour course held over 3 weeks.

The course covers many theory and practical elements of professional stunt performing including but not restricted to: tumbling, low & high falls, motorcycling, abseiling, water stunts, firearms, fire & human torches, car hits, window penetrations, stair falls, wirework, aerial spins, flying, climbing and fight choreography.

As another major benefit of being enrolled in the course, Shaun will have the opportunity to build confidence, self develop his physical and mental strength, learn to overcome personal challenges and most of all, develop more lifelong friendships!

Colin's stunt career has led him to work with some of Hollywood's biggest action stars including Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sylvester Stallone, Jean-Claude Van Damme and Chuck Norris.

Following this experience and exposure to the action film industry, Colin returned to Australia and identified the need for Australian stunt people to have a structured and organised stunt training academy for people who wanted to become stunt performers and in 1996, Colin officially opened the Australian Stunt Academy.

People interested in pursuing a career in stunts, can visit the Australian Stunt Academy website to learn more about becoming involved at www.stuntacademy.com.

THE NINJA WEBSITE: www.hewillrise.com

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Images Overleaf



From Left (both Images): Rob Beard is helping Shaun Trait realise a long life dream!

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Shooting date

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

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 Beard), 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 Beard & 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.