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Aussie Movie Shows off Academy Award Winning Star Power

Melbourne, Australia 24th August: Academy Award winning actor, Timothy Hutton stars in Award Winning Australian movie, *Broken Hill*, as George McAlpine, a third generation Australian farmer in an inspirational journey about following your dreams against the odds and overcoming isolation in its many different forms.

Broken Hill was written and Directed by Dagen Merrill with Producer Christopher Wyatt, of *Napoleon Dynamite* fame and Australian Producer Julie Ryan, working with a star-studded cast including Alexa Vega (*Spy Kids*), introducing Australia's own Luke Arnold and Rhys Wakefield, already sweeping the Giffoni International Film Festival winning three awards including Best Film in the thirteen plus category.

Hutton's riveting performance in Robert Redford's directorial debut *Ordinary People* earned him the film industry's highest accolades, including an Academy Award, Golden Globe, BAFTA and Los Angeles Film Critics Award. To this date, Hutton is the youngest recipient of an Academy Award in the category of Best Actor in a Supporting Role.

His career includes stellar performances in films such as Harold Becker's *Taps* opposite Tom Cruise and Sean Penn, a role that garnered him another Golden Globe nomination; as well as *Daniel, The Falcon & The Snowman, Made In Heaven, Q&A, The General's Daughter, French Kiss, Beautiful Girls, Sunshine State, Kinsey, Secret Window, The Good Shepherd* and *Lymelife*.

After working with Timothy Hutton Australian actor Luke Arnold said "he felt honoured to have worked alongside such an enormous star and fantastic actor."

Luke Arnold has recently received media publicity with comparisons to Heath Ledger and Mel Gibson – which the 25 year old has modestly brushed off.

"They're both two big favourite actors of mine, and legends and people I look up to, so while comparisons are great and flattering, really it's about the work you do," said Luke, who studied acting at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts.

Broken Hill will hold the World Premiere on August 24th 2009 in Melbourne, Australia, at ACMI and is expected to hit selected US cinemas on September 11th 2009. It will be released nationally from February 2010.

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