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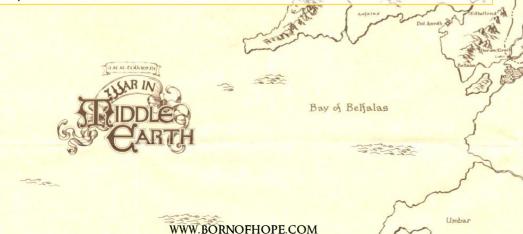
Production Information

Born of Hope is a 60 minute Lord of the Rings inspired film being produced in the UK. A low budget production, the entire cast and crew are giving their services for no financial gain. The subject matter and quality has attracted people from around the world to join the team, even gaining support and interest from some of the original New Line Trilogy cast and crew members including Richard Taylor and the Oscar[™] winning team at Weta Workshop, New Zealand.

Born of Hope is a non-commercial production being created for free internet download for film fans worldwide. It is being made purely for entertainment purposes and to keep the storytelling history of Middle Earth alive.

The trailer and video featurettes from the test shoot in April 2006 have been well received at many conventions and exhibitions around the world and we have a large following anxiously awaiting the release of the finished film.

This project has been around for almost five years, with the original idea forming in 2003 when actor/filmmaker Kate Madison wanted to send a film to a Tolkien Fan Film Exhibition. However, from a small spark the idea grew into a hugely ambitious project and in April 2006 we embarked on a test shoot filming a collection of scenes from the film. The final draft of the script has now been developed and we are in pre-production with principal photography scheduled to take place from July to December 2008 with an estimated release in 2009.



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Ring Quest, West Stow February 2008 Display stand, merchandise and actors in costume speaking with the public.





Publicity



The Gathering of the Fellowship, Toronto Canada — July 2006 Presentations, Q&A sessions and Panels



Ring*Con, Fulda Germany — October 2007 Presentation and Q&A session

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What people are saying

"Amazing stuff. It's incredible to see what craftsmanship, sensitivity and attention to detail is being brought to bear on this ambitious project. Everything so far looks amazing and I can't wait to see the finished film." **Richard Taylor Director/Effects Supervisor, Weta Workshop.**

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"I really admire what you are doing and would love to support your efforts in some way." Daniel Falconer Designer at Weta Workshop

"Your organisation, direction and sheer enervating energy were a wonder." Andrew McDonald Actor, Born of Hope trailer shoot Apr 06

"Thanks to everyone for such a well organised, productive and positive shoot" Philippa Hammond Actress, Born of Hope trailer shoot Apr 06

Youtube Comments "Wow you sure put a lot of work into this. Looks great!! 5 stars"

"Awesome! I can't wait for it to come out."

"It looks wicked! And being filmed in West Stow too!"

"Oh hell yes.... This looks really good. I like the idea that it seems to be about Arathorn too.... Nice."

"I LOVE this production... it's just amazing."

Ha "This looks amazingly well shot (hard to believe it's a fan film), and the Orcs! How awesome are THEY?! You guys rock; I'm so excited to actually see this thing! P.S. Nice touch at the end, with Gilraen and little Aragorn. :)"

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Philippa Hammond

VORWEN

Story

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This hour long original drama is set in the time before the War of the Ring and tells the story of the Dúnedain, the Rangers of the North, before the return of the King. Inspired by only a couple of paragraphs written by Tolkien in the appendices of the Lord of the Rings we follow Arathorn and Gilraen, the parents of Aragorn, from their first meeting through a turbulent time in their people's history.



A scattered people, the descendents of storied seakings of the ancient West, struggle to survive in a lonely wilderness. But a dark force relentlessly bends its will toward their destruction. Yet amidst these valiant, desperate people, hope remains. A royal house endures unbroken from father to son.

GILRAEN & ARATHORN



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"The remnant of the Faithful, the Dúnedain the Men of the West -- were scattered now, and few, and beset by many dangers. For unknown to them, though he had lost most of his power, the Dark Lord Sauron had not been destroyed by Isildur during the War of the Last Alliance, and of all the peoples of Middle Earth Sauron held none with more hatred and more fear than the Dúnedain. He spread his will amongst his servants and through the long years sought

ever to discover if the Heirs of Isildur yet lived, so that he might destroy them, and the last of his greatest enemies would be lost forever."

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Behind the Scenes

Cast

ARATHORN - Christopher Dane **GILRAEN** - Beth Aynsley ARAGORN (2yrs) - Luke Johnston ARADOR - Frank Jakeman **DIRHAEL** - Andrew McDonald **VORWEN - Philippa Hammond ELGARAIN** - Kate Madison DIRHABORN - Danny George **DORLAD** - Currently being cast HALBARON - Howard Corlett **EVONYN - Amani Johara** HALBARAD - Currently being cast MALLOR - Raphael Edwards ELLADAN & ELROHIR (Sons of Elrond) - in talks SHAKNAR - Joshua Kennedy GORGANOG - Lewis Penfold Stunt Team -20 members plus Supporting Artistes - Actors and Re-enactors





Art Department

Including wardrobe, make up & hair, props, weapons & CFX (creature FX).

Gilraen



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Crew Information

Everyone working on this project is not doing it for financial gain but because this is a project they believe in. We are drawing on the talents of many people from around the world and a number of large companies working commercially in the film industry are also assisting us in our efforts to bring this wonderful production to life.

Kate Madison - DIRECTOR/PRODUCER

As an actor/filmmaker Kate has filled a variety of roles both on and off camera including work as a camera assistant, production manager, head of wardrobe, art department and crowd casting on a number of films. Kate has previously directed short films including The Horsemen, an audience favourite at the Stanford Film Festival, and is very much looking forward to directing Born of Hope, her first feature.

Some of the team bringing the project to life... Alex K Aldridge (Writer) USA Nidhi Gupta (Co Producer) UK Uppal Sonawane (Co Producer) UK Aaron Greenwood (Co Producer) UK Alexandra Medeville (Assistant Production Coordinator) UK Ashram Maharaj (Production Assistant) UK Nina Jagersbacher (Production Assistant) UK Ahmed Maasarani (Assistant Publicist) UK Helen Walters (Wardrobe Coordinator) UK Alan Hay (Prop Master) UK Sophie Linniard (Make up & Hair Coordinator) UK Luke McNally (CFX, Sculptor/Prosthetics) UK John Parnham (CFX) UK Edward M Eglinton (Designer/Prop maker) CANADA Ray Grinberg (Designer/Sword Smith) AUSTRALIA Emmanuel Martin (Concept Artist) UK Henning Janssen (Concept Artist) NETHERLANDS Catherine Karina Chmiel (Concept Artist) POLAND Carlos Avina (Graphic Artist/Designer) USA Roman Rausch (Sindarin Translator/Dialect Coach) GERMANY **Anushka** (Sindarin Translator) Florian Bunz (Graphic Artist) GERMANY

Locations

The film revolves around the Dúnedain settlement of Taurdal, which is home to the Chieftain Arador and his son Arathorn. Taurdal is becoming something of a refugee camp as the Dúnedain flee their homes when outer settlements are attacked by Orcs spreading out of the mountains.



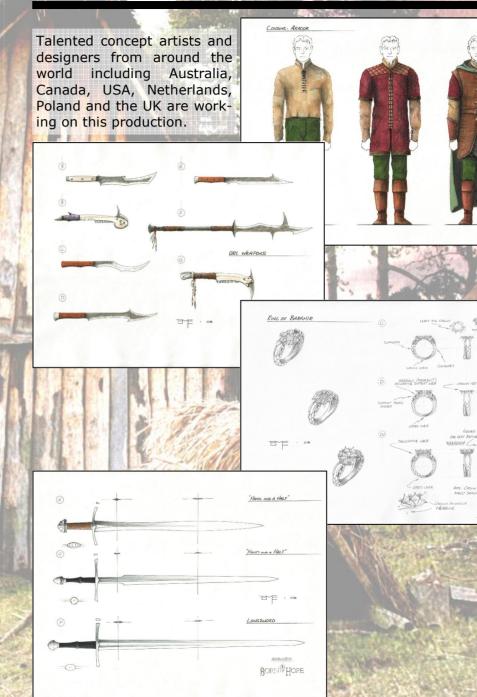
West Stow's Reconstructed Anglo-Saxon Village

The village near Bury St Edmunds will be transformed into the fictional Dúnedain settlement of Taurdal for at least two weeks in 2008.



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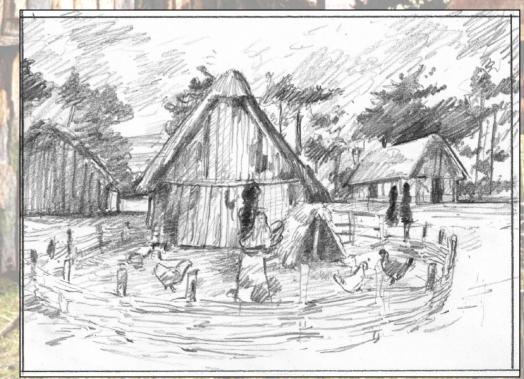
Art and design is a crucial aspect of this historical fantasy because the props and costumes all need to be produced especially for Born of Hope. Our aim is to produce an individual look for each character within this film.











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As well as the scenes in Taurdal we also require a number of different landscapes from marshes to forests and mountains through changing seasons. Opposite are some photos of the type of locations found here in the UK.



Gold Sponsor (Dúnadan)

For a donation of **£2500** or more, you become a "Born of Hope Gold Sponsor".

This entitles you to all the benefits of a Silver Sponsor, plus:

- A3 Born of Hope poster (hopefully signed by all cast members)
- An invitation to the wrap party (UK) where you can meet the cast, crew and other sponsors.

Executive Producer (Eagle)

For a donation of **£5000** or more, you become a "Born of Hope Executive Producer".

This entitles you to all the benefits of a Gold Sponsor, plus:

- You will be invited to join the Born of Hope Production Team private yahoo group. In this main communication area for the team you will gain an insight into the workings behind the scenes.
- If you are in the UK or able to make your way here (at your own expense) during filming then you maybe able to cameo in the film as a villager, ranger or orc!
- As an Executive Producer you do not get the right to take over creative control but we will certainly listen to any ideas you may have.

Non Financial Supporter (Ent)

A non financial supporter is an individual or company who donates something other than money. This could be costume materials, discount rehearsal space, props, food, services, for example. All cast and crew automatically come under this heading. If you would like to become a non financial supporter please contact us to discuss this further.

This entitles you to:

- Your name in the film's end credits and on the Born of Hope website.
- Inclusion on our free mailing list.
- at least..

To become a Sponsor, please visit the website to make your donation via PayPal or contact funding@bornofhope.com to arrange an alternate method.

Always be sure to include your email plus your preferred name for the credits and website.

Sponsorship

Levels of Sponsorship

Supporter: up to £99 Friend: £100 Bronze Sponsor: £500 Silver Sponsor: £1000 Gold Sponsor: £2500 Executive Producer: £5000 Non Financial Supporter

Supporter (Hobbit)

For a donation of up to **£99** you become a "Born of Hope Supporter". This entitles you to:

- Your name in the film's end credits and on the Born of Hope website.
- Inclusion on our free mailing list.

Friend (Rohan Warrior)

For a donation of **£100** or more you become a "Born of Hope Friend". This entitles you to:

- Your name in the film's end credits and on the Born of Hope website.
- Inclusion on our free mailing list.
- Born of Hope key ring and fridge magnet

Bronze Sponsor (Elf)

For a donation of **£500** or more, you become a "Born of Hope Bronze Sponsor".

This entitles you to:

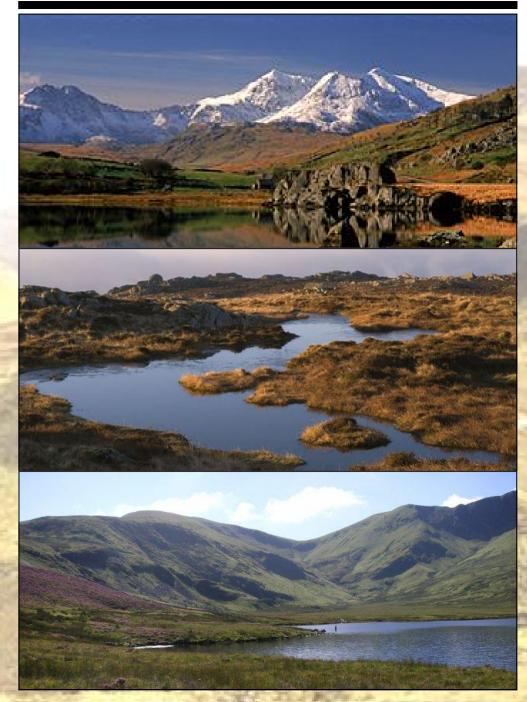
- Your name in the film's end credits and on the Born of Hope website.
- Inclusion on our free mailing list.
- Born of Hope key ring and fridge magnet
- Signed photo of the Born of Hope character of your choice

Silver Sponsor (Wizard)

For a donation of **£1000** or more, you become a "Born of Hope Silver Sponsor".

- This entitles you to all the benefits of a Bronze Sponsor, plus:
- DVD of the finished film including all the Behind the Scenes extras!

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Funding

Due to copyright law no money can be made from this unlicensed film therefore this is a not for profit production. Everyone working on this project is not doing it for financial gain but despite everyone's generosity and help there are inevitable costs that cannot be avoided.

For an historical fantasy feature film our budget is incredibly low.

Estimated Budget £25,000





We desperately require sponsors to keep this project the high quality production we wish it to remain. All money gained through sponsorship will be put into making this film, guaranteed! We have the challenge of maintaining high production value and quality within the constraints of a low budget but have proved worthy of this challenge on many occasions.

If you would like to see this unique project completed, as many do, then you can support us by becoming a sponsor. On the following page are a number of exciting sponsorship opportunities to suit all tastes and budgets. Alternatively you can contact the Born of Hope Team at

funding@bornofhope.com to discuss an alternative proposal.

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