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THE INVISIBLE MAN HELPS GIVE THE GIFT OF SIGHT WORLDWIDE

Show's Fans Partner with Lions Club International to Collect Eyeglasses for the Needy

RINGWOOD, NJ: Operation: Visible Ink, a fan-based effort to revive the hit Sci Fi Channel series, *The Invisible Man*, has partnered with Lions Club International in an international collection effort designed to assist in replacing lost glasses for the needy worldwide. Dubbed Operation: High Visibility, this effort comes on the heels of a 2001 Lions Club warehouse fire, which destroyed over 600,000 pairs of glasses destined for refurbishment and distribution to the needy. Hearing of the disaster, *The Invisible Man* fans organized Operation: High Visibility, and with collection points in the US, Australia and Canada, the fans hope to make a generous contribution to the Recycle for Sight program in the name of *The Invisible Man* during the holiday season.

Operation: High Visibility will run from now through December 31st, 2003, and contributions of glasses can be sent to the following addresses:

Invisible Ninja	QSinSF	Coldfire	Krysalis	Operation: Visible Ink
P.O. Box 42039	25 Evergreen #8	PO BOX 71	9507-H Wolverton Dr.	PO Box 940436
8602 Granville Street	Mill Valley, CA	Sherwood, Brisbane	Richmond, VA	Simi Valley, CA
Vancouver, BC	94941	Queensland 4075	23394	93094
V6P 6S3	USA	Australia	USA	USA
Canada				

Or directly to any Lions Club location in the name of Operation: High Visibility

In addition to the collection of glasses, a Thank You card consisting of toy 3-D glasses featuring images of series stars will be sent to the network executives of USA, SciFi Channel, NBC, and Universal/Vivendi (VUE) for each pair collected in an effort to remind executives the fans are still awaiting the return of the adventures of *The Invisible Man*.

For more information on Lions Club International and the Recycle for Sight Program, visit www.lionsclubs.org

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About The Invisible Man

The Invisible Man -- one of the SciFi Channel's top 3 original series and consistently one of the top 10 genre shows in syndication -- premiered to critical acclaim in June 2000. With a fresh, hip retro style and sly, witty tone, the show was utterly unlike anything else on TV today. The characters were beautifully flawed and human and the sci-fi conceit never got in the way of the wonderful banter and chemistry this top-notch cast and crew created each week. For two seasons the fans were treated to a roller-coaster ride of plot twists, clever dialogue, comedy, drama, and unpredictable plot lines. The chemistry between the two lead actors, Vincent Ventresca and Paul Ben-Victor, garnered numerous accolades and the show drew critical acclaim, including several Saturn Award nominations for its inaugural season, a best ensemble award from *TV Zone* magazine, and a near sweep of the 2002 Roswell Awards. Additionally, three of the show's episodes were included on The Futon Critic's list of the Top 50 Episodes of 2001 (www.thefutoncritic.com).

The show also created quite a buzz in the creative community, attracting such luminaries as: Armin Shimerman (*Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*), George Huang (director of *Swimming with Sharks*), Justine Miceli (*NYPD Blue*), Joel Bissonette (*Boulevard*, *Fight Club*) and Adam Storke (*Prey*).

The Invisible Man was abruptly cancelled after negotiations fell through for not one, but **two** more seasons in late September 2001. Yet the series' popularity remains high, with a large, international fan base and brisk sales of the first season DVD releases in the United Kingdom.

Fans around the world have also banded together to create a virtual season for the show. To date the Invisible Man Virtual Season has aired a total of 23 episodes, all of which are available for viewing on the group's website, www.invisiblemanvs.com. The episodes have also appeared in syndication at Phoenix Virtual TV (www.pvtonline.com), where several episodes have been nominated for "Best of" awards.

Continuing efforts to revive the show have included a mass mailing to various networks; two online petitions with a total of over 10,000 signatures; ads in the New York and Los Angeles editions of *Daily Variety*, and most recently, Operation: High Visibility (<http://www.invisiblemanvs.com/hiviz/ohv.htm>), a charity campaign to collect glasses for donation to the Lions Club International Vision Program.

URLs for your reference:

I-Maniacs Fan Club: www.Imaniacs.org

Operation: Visible Ink: www.saveinvisibleman.com

The Invisible Man Virtual Season: www.invisiblemanvs.com

PerseusProject: www.perseusproject.com/MB/mb.html

Official SciFi board: www.scifi.com/invisibleman

Perseus Project: www.perseusproject.com/FAQ/Dispatch_Index/I-ManPassion/i-manpassion.html and
http://www.perseusproject.com/Standing_Ovation/standing_ovation.html

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