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### ***Chanin Capital Partners Forms Entertainment and Media Group***

Los Angeles, California, September 10, 2001 – Chanin Capital Partners, a specialty investment bank based in Los Angeles, is pleased to announce the formation of the Entertainment and Media Group, a division of Chanin Capital Partners. The group is lead by Thomas T. Thompson, Vice President, and Robert L. Friedman, Senior Advisor Motion Pictures/Entertainment & Media.

Chanin has formed this division to address a growing need for middle-market investment banking services within the entertainment and media industries. Chanin has experienced a significant increase recently in entertainment and media assignments involving merger and acquisition advisory work, financings and strategic advisory assignments from a growing list of private equity firms and middle-market companies within the industries. The group will focus on three primary areas: financings, mergers and acquisitions, and the exploration of strategic alternatives for our clients.

The professionals at Chanin Capital Partners have been and are currently involved in numerous entertainment and media assignments, including various film exhibition transactions involving General Cinemas, Hoyts Cinema, ICS Communications, Landmark Cinemas, Loews Cineplex, Paging Networks, Regal Cinemas, Scott Cable Communications, TV Filme, and United Artists Theatre Company. In addition, Chanin is in the process of raising capital for a film distribution and marketing company, as well as several film library, music and cable television transactions.

Thomas T. Thompson, CPA, is a Vice President at Chanin Capital Partners and has been very active working with companies in the entertainment industry. His recent assignments include Loews Cineplex, Silver Cinemas, TV Filme, United Artists Theatre Company, and several others. Prior to joining Chanin Capital Partners, Mr. Thompson worked in the Los Angeles

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office of CS First Boston within their Investment Banking Group, and was previously at Price Waterhouse LLP.

Robert L. Friedman is a Senior Advisor at Chanin Capital Partners and has previously served in an executive capacity as President of The AMC Entertainment Motion Picture Group. Prior

to that, Mr. Friedman was President of Columbia Pictures Distribution and was also associated for twenty years in various executive positions at United Artists Corporation, including Executive Vice President of Distribution and Marketing. Among numerous entertainment organizations, Mr. Friedman is a long-standing member of the Executive Branch of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, in addition to his current activities and involvement in various entertainment oriented deals at Chanin.

For more information, please contact Thomas T. Thompson or Robert L. Friedman at (310) 445-4010 in Los Angeles or (212) 758-2629 in New York.

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