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UNITED STATES DISTRICT OF NEW YOR

JULIE TAYMOR and LOH, INC.,

Plaintiffs,

- against -

8 LEGGED PRODUCTIONS, LLC, HELLO ENTERTAINMENT, LLC, GOODBYE ENTERTAINMENT, LLC, SAVIOR PRODUCTIONS, LLC, MICHAEL COHL, JEREMIAH HARRIS, and GLEN BERGER,

Defendants.

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#### **COMPLAINT**

**Jury Trial Demanded** 

Plaintiffs Julie Taymor and LOH, Inc., by and through their attorneys Lankler Siffert & Wohl LLP, as and for their Complaint against Defendants 8 Legged Productions, LLC, Hello Entertainment, LLC, Goodbye Entertainment, LLC, Savior Productions, LLC, Michael Cohl, Jeremiah Harris, and Glen Berger, allege as follows:

#### NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. Julie Taymor and her wholly-owned company, LOH, Inc. ("LOH"), bring this action to remedy Defendants' willful copyright infringement and breaches of contract arising from their unauthorized and unlawful use of Taymor's copyrighted written works in the current hit Broadway musical *Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark* (the "Musical" or "*Spider-Man*").

- 2. Taymor, a world-famous director, writer, collaborator, and costume designer, worked on *Spider-Man*—including co-writing its book (also called a "libretto" or "script")—for over seven years. In early 2011, the Musical's producers removed Taymor from the production. Since then, they have continued to promote, use, change, and revise Taymor's work, including her book of the Musical. They have done so without her approval or authorization and in violation of their agreements with Taymor and Taymor's intellectual property rights, including her right to approve changes to her book of the Musical. They have refused to pay Taymor her contractually guaranteed authorship royalties.
- 3. By their actions, Defendants have: (a) violated Taymor's rights under the Copyright Act; (b) breached their agreements with Taymor and LOH; and (c) threatened to violate Taymor's right of privacy under Sections 50 and 51 of the New York Civil Rights Law. Taymor and LOH seek compensatory and statutory damages, a declaratory judgment, and injunctive relief.

#### **PARTIES**

- 4. Plaintiff Julie Taymor is domiciled in this District. Taymor served as director, collaborator, co-bookwriter, and mask designer for *Spider-Man*.
- 5. Plaintiff LOH, Inc., is a domestic business corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York and having its principal place of business in this District. LOH is wholly owned by Taymor, who serves as President of the company.
- 6. Defendant 8 Legged Productions, LLC ("8 Legged") is a domestic limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York and having its principal place of business in this District. 8 Legged is the current lead production company for *Spider-Man*. 8 Legged was formed by Defendants Hello Entertainment, LLC ("Hello") and

Goodbye Entertainment, LLC ("Goodbye") in or around August 2010. In August 2010, by written agreement between Hello and Goodbye and its operating agreement, 8 Legged assumed all rights and obligations relating to *Spider-Man*.

- 7. Defendant Hello Entertainment, LLC, is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware. Hello was *Spider-Man*'s original lead production company before 8 Legged took over that role in or around 2009. Hello was formed by David Garfinkle and the late Tony Adams in July 2003. Hello is a Manager of 8 Legged and remains a producer of *Spider-Man* today.
- 8. Defendant Goodbye Entertainment, LLC, is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware. Goodbye was formed by Defendants Michael Cohl and Jeremiah Harris in November 2009 to facilitate the carrying out of Cohl's and Harris's new responsibilities as lead producers of *Spider-Man*. Goodbye is a Manager of and responsible for the day-to-day operations of 8 Legged. Goodbye is a producer of *Spider-Man*.
- 9. Defendant Savior Productions, LLC ("Savior") is a domestic limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York and having its principal place of business in this District. Savior was formed by Cohl and Harris for the purpose of financing the completion of *Spider-Man* after they took over as lead producers in 2009. Savior is a Member of 8 Legged and a producer of *Spider-Man*.
- 10. Defendants Michael Cohl and Jeremiah Harris are the current lead producers of *Spider-Man*. They have acted as lead producers since 2009, when the Musical's original producers encountered financing difficulties and ceded control of the Musical to Cohl and Harris.

Upon information and belief, Cohl and Harris are Lead Managers and Board members of, and have authority to conduct the day-to-day management of, Goodbye and Savior.

11. Defendant Glen Berger is a co-bookwriter of *Spider-Man*.

#### **JURISDICTION & VENUE**

- 12. This Complaint arises under the federal Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*, the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201-02, and New York state law. All of the claims in this action form part of the same case or controversy. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338, and 1367.
  - 13. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)-(c) and 1400(a).

### **ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

#### **Julie Taymor**

- 14. Taymor is an accomplished and critically acclaimed director, writer, collaborator, and costume designer. She is widely known for her work on the Broadway musical *The Lion King*, which is among the longest-running and highest-grossing Broadway musicals of all time and has also been successful in other venues worldwide. Taymor directed *The Lion King* and designed the show's signature costumes, masks, and puppets. In 1998, Taymor won two Tony Awards for her work on *The Lion King*, becoming the first woman ever to win a Tony Award for Best Direction of a Musical. Taymor and *The Lion King* also won numerous other awards for Taymor's direction and her original costume, mask, and puppet designs.
- 15. In addition to *The Lion King*, Taymor has directed and written numerous Broadway productions, motion pictures, and operas. She has won myriad awards for her work, including three Drama Desk Awards, an Emmy Award, and a MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship.

The motion picture *Frida* (2002), which Taymor directed, was nominated for six Academy Awards and won two.

#### Beginnings of Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark

- 16. Spider-Man, a fictional superhero created in the 1960s by Stan Lee and Steve Ditko, has appeared in many Marvel Comics publications. Spider-Man also has been the subject of three major motion pictures: *Spider-Man* (2002), *Spider-Man* 2 (2004), and *Spider-Man* 3 (2007). The intellectual property rights in the Spider-Man character are owned by Marvel Entertainment, LLC, or Marvel Entertainment, Inc. (together, "Marvel").
- 17. In or around 2003, producers David Garfinkle and Tony Adams began negotiating with Marvel for the right to produce a musical stage play based on the Spider-Man character. Garfinkle and Adams approached famed musicians Paul David Hewson (professionally known and referenced herein as "Bono") and David Howell Evans (professionally known and referenced herein as "The Edge" or "Edge") of the multiple Grammy Award winning rock band U2 to compose music and lyrics for the Musical. Bono and Edge agreed to work on the project.
- 18. In or around 2004, Marvel licensed the right to produce the Musical to Garfinkle and Adams through their production company Hello Entertainment.
- 19. Garfinkle and Adams initially engaged Neil Jordan to author the "book" of the Musical. A "book" of a musical (also called a "libretto" or "script") is a written work that sets forth all aspects of a musical stage play, including the spoken dialogue and storyline, as well as descriptions of sets, costumes, characters, and actions that are to occur on stage.
- 20. In or around 2004, Bono, Edge, Jordan, and the producers asked Taymor to direct and collaborate on the Musical. Taymor agreed.

- 21. In 2004, Taymor authored a three-page original treatment for the Musical (the "Treatment"). A treatment is a work of prose that sets out the basic storyline, characters, and narrative arc of a longer work. It conveys the essential themes and structure of the work and may be as short as a few pages or much longer. A treatment for a musical stage play is typically used both as a tool to obtain approval of the musical's concept from interested parties and, later, as a basis for drafting the book of the musical.
- 22. In 2004, Taymor's Treatment was approved by Bono, Edge, Garfinkle, and Adams as the basis for the Musical.
- 23. In or around 2004, Neil Jordan ceased working as bookwriter on the Musical. With Jordan's departure, Taymor, in addition to directing and collaborating, agreed to author the book of the Musical.
- 24. In 2005, to accommodate her additional responsibilities on the Musical, Taymor chose Glen Berger as her co-bookwriter. The producers and Marvel approved of Berger as co-bookwriter.
- 25. On March 17, 2005, Taymor registered her Treatment with the United States Copyright Office. The copyright registration certificate is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 26. From the beginning of her involvement with the Musical, Taymor insisted that she have creative control over her contributions to the Musical, including the book of the Musical, and that she have approval over subsequent productions of the Musical beyond Broadway. On March 28, 2005, Taymor's lawyer, Seth Gelblum, Esq., of the firm Loeb & Loeb LLP, confirmed by e-mail to Garfinkle and Adams that Taymor would serve as the Musical's co-bookwriter going forward with the understanding that Taymor had "full customary author approvals over creative and business issues."

27. Taymor's insistence on creative control over her contributions to the Musical, as well as Garfinkle's and Adams's agreement to such control, was not unusual in light of Taymor's sought-after stature, skill, experience, and proven success.

#### **Deal Memoranda With the Producers**

28. Upon information and belief, Glen Berger entered into a deal memorandum (the "Berger Deal Memo," attached hereto as Exhibit B), dated June 22, 2005, with Hello Entertainment (Garfinkle's and Adams's production company). The Berger Deal Memo reflected the material terms of Berger's and Hello's agreement on issues related to Berger's services as co-bookwriter of the Musical. Among other things, Berger and Hello expressly agreed that Taymor had the sole right to authorize any changes to the book of the Musical. Paragraph 11 of the agreement states:

Consultation on Bookwriter/Creative Decisions: Berger shall collaborate with Julie Taymor on bookwriter related and other creative decisions for the Musical; provided, however, <u>Julie Taymor</u>, in her sole and absolute discretion, shall have final approval on all such decisions, including her directing of any film adaptation of the Musical. [Emphasis added.]

- 29. Taymor was an intended third-party beneficiary of Paragraph 11 of the Berger Deal Memo. Indeed, on June 28, 2005, Garfinkle sent an unsigned copy of the Berger Deal Memo to Taymor's lawyer (Gelblum) for review. In an e-mail the same day, Gelblum told Garfinkle that Berger "ha[d] to agree that Julie . . . has approval over authorial decisions." Garfinkle confirmed that Paragraph 11 of the Berger Deal Memo reflected such an agreement.
- 30. On or about June 28, 2005, Garfinkle assured Gelblum during a telephone conversation that Bono's and Edge's agreement with Hello contained a similar provision affirming Taymor's approval rights over authorial decisions for the Musical. Upon information and belief, Bono and Edge executed an agreement with Hello containing such a provision.

- 31. On August 4, 2005, Taymor, LOH, and Hello signed a deal memorandum reflecting the material terms of their agreement on issues related to Taymor's services as cobookwriter of the Musical (the "Author Deal Memo," attached hereto as Exhibit C). In entering into that agreement, Taymor knew and relied on the fact that the producers had agreed with other members of the creative team, including Berger, that Taymor had approval rights over changes to the book of the Musical.
- 32. The Author Deal Memo with Taymor provides that Taymor and LOH, "as a co-owner of the book of the musical . . . shall have approval (to be shared with the composer and lyricist [Bono and Edge], and if such parties and [Taymor and LOH] agree, with the bookwriter) over dispositions of rights to the Musical, and all other decisions customarily reserved to the authors of a Musical." (Emphasis added.) The parties' contemporaneous e-mails and conversations confirm that this was intended to mean, among other things, that Taymor had approval rights over changes to the book of the Musical.
- 33. Pursuant to the Author Deal Memo, the producers also agreed to pay Taymor a co-bookwriter royalty based on a figure of 1.945% of weekly operating profits from public performances (with that percentage increasing as the Musical's investors recouped their investments).
- 34. Taymor, LOH, and Hello also signed a deal memorandum, dated July 12, 2005, reflecting the material terms of their agreement on issues related to Taymor's services as director and collaborator on the Musical (Exhibit D). The July 12, 2005 deal memorandum, an amendment thereto, and a subsequent long-form agreement entered into by the parties currently are the subject of an ongoing arbitration brought by the Stage Directors and Choreographers

Society on Taymor's behalf against 8 Legged for, among other things, payment of director and collaborator royalties owed to Taymor.

35. On October 22, 2005, producer Tony Adams died unexpectedly. Garfinkle took over as sole lead producer of the Musical.

#### Subsequent Negotiations and Creation of the Book of the Musical

- 36. In or around 2005, Taymor and Berger began to author the book of the Musical based on Taymor's Treatment. They worked on the book over approximately the next six years. Consistent with their agreements regarding Taymor's creative approval rights, Taymor was responsible for or approved all authorial decisions regarding the drafting of the book.
- 37. Marvel and the various producers of the Musical also approved drafts of the book at each stage of the writing process. During the writing process, Marvel and the producers also viewed workshops and staged readings of the Musical.
- 38. While working on the book of the Musical, Taymor and Berger, through their representatives, engaged in negotiations with the producers on a long-form author agreement. A final long-form author agreement was not executed, however, because Bono and Edge did not respond to requests for comments. Nevertheless, the negotiations among Taymor, Berger, and the producers toward a long-form author agreement reflected agreement on a number of material terms. For instance, they confirmed Taymor's creative approval rights over authorial decisions and changes to the book of the Musical. Thus, paragraphs 15.1 and 15.5 of the most recent draft of the long-form author agreement provide that:

No changes in the book, music or lyrics of the Musical will be made without the approval of the Author and Producer . . . .

Approval rights belonging solely to the Co-Bookwriters will be made and communicated by Taymor (after consultation with Berger) and Producer will have the right to rely thereupon.

- 39. In good-faith reliance on these negotiations and the agreement among the parties, Taymor continued to work on the book of the Musical, making numerous, independently copyrightable contributions to the book.
- 40. The book that Taymor co-authored and approved theatricalizes in novel ways the familiar story of Peter Parker and his love interest Mary Jane Watson, creates new themes and characters, expands on pre-existing characters from Marvel's Spider-Man comic books, develops new plot lines and specific dialogue, and contains detailed, original descriptions of stage activity used to bring the story of Spider-Man to life on stage. By agreement with Marvel, two of the characters created or developed in the book—"Swiss Miss" and "Arachne"—are deemed works made for hire for Marvel under the Copyright Act.

#### **Cohl and Harris Become Lead Producers**

- 41. In or around 2009, Garfinkle and Hello faced financing difficulties that threatened the Musical's survival.
- 42. Thereafter, Cohl and Harris took over as lead producers, with the approval of Bono, Edge, and Taymor. Cohl and Harris formed 8 Legged, Goodbye, and Savior to continue the production and financing of the Musical.
- 43. At the time Cohl and Harris took over as lead producers in 2009, the book of the Musical already had been approved in its then-current form.
- 44. On or about August 24, 2010, to induce additional investors to finance the Musical, Taymor, LOH, Berger, Bono, Edge, 8 Legged, and others entered into written agreements to reduce their royalty percentages under the 2005 deal memoranda by half for a limited time in exchange for the producers' agreement to double the guaranteed minimum weekly royalties (the "2010 Amendment," attached hereto as Exhibit E). Before the

restructuring, Taymor and the producers had agreed to a guaranteed minimum weekly royalty amounting to \$750 per percentage point of weekly operating profits for each eight-performance week of the Musical, beginning with the first public preview performance. Thus, Taymor was to receive a guaranteed minimum weekly royalty of \$1,458.75 per eight-performance week in her role as co-bookwriter. (Exhibit F.) Under the 2010 Amendment, Taymor's guaranteed minimum weekly royalty as co-bookwriter was doubled to \$2,917.50 per eight-performance week. (Exhibit E.)

#### Spider-Man Begins Rehearsals and Opens in Previews on Broadway

- 45. In or around mid-August 2010, the Musical began rehearsals. During the rehearsal period, Taymor and Berger continued work on the book of the Musical.
- 46. In late 2010, Marvel and the producers approved the book of the Musical as it existed at that time.
- 47. On November 28, 2010, *Spider-Man* played its first public preview performance on Broadway.
- 48. Throughout the preview period until her removal from the production, Taymor continued to work on changes to the Musical, including working with Berger on further changing and refining the book of the Musical within the confines of the preview performance schedule.

  After public performances had started, the producers never conveyed to Taymor that they would be agreeable to suspending public performances for a period of time if major changes to the Musical were desirable.
- 49. Upon information and belief, beginning in or around December 2010, Berger, Cohl, Harris, and others discussed and worked on certain other revisions to the book of the Musical without Taymor's knowledge or consent. Upon information and belief, Berger, Cohl,

and Harris intentionally concealed from Taymor their communications among each other and with Bono, Edge, and others as they prepared to make their own changes to the book of the Musical without Taymor's knowledge or consent.

- 50. As of February 20, 2011, although Taymor was due royalties as co-bookwriter, director, and collaborator for each public performance from the time the Musical began previews on November 28, 2011, the producers had not paid Taymor the royalties due. On February 20, 2011, Gelblum sent Cohl and Harris an e-mail requesting that they pay Taymor the royalties due.
- 51. On February 26, 2011, Taymor met with Cohl, Berger, and Edge at Gelblum's office, with Bono and Harris participating by conference call. Taymor was told at that meeting about certain proposed changes to the book of the Musical on which Berger, Cohl, and Harris had been working without Taymor's knowledge or approval.
- 52. On March 1, 2011, Gelblum notified Cohl and Harris by telephone and e-mail that Taymor was not waiving her approval rights over changes to the book of the Musical.
- 53. The last version of the original book of the Musical co-written by Taymor before she was removed from the production in March 2011 is entitled "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark" (the "Original Book"). Taymor registered the Original Book with the United States Copyright Office effective October 11, 2011. The copyright registration certificate for the Original Book is attached hereto as Exhibit G.

## <u>Defendants Remove Taymor From the Production and Change the Book of the Musical Without Taymor's Approval</u>

54. On March 4, 2011, Taymor and Gelblum were summoned to a meeting with Cohl, Harris, Bono, and Edge in Manhattan. At that meeting, Taymor was told that she was being removed from the production and that a new "creative consultant" and a bookwriter were being hired to make changes to Taymor's work, including to the Original Book. Taymor did not give

her permission or consent to the hiring of the creative consultant or bookwriter or to the proposed changes to her Original Book.

- 55. On March 9, 2011, the producers publicly announced that Philip William McKinley and Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa were joining the Musical's creative team "to help implement new staging and book rewrites, respectively." The producers then began to implement the changes to the Original Book that they and Berger secretly had been planning for months. No one sought or obtained Taymor's consent to make these changes.
- 56. On March 29, 2011, Taymor's counsel again notified the producers' counsel in writing that Taymor retained creative rights over her work, including her right to approve any changes made to the Original Book.
- 57. Following its April 17, 2011, preview performance, *Spider-Man* shut down for approximately three weeks in order to facilitate the book rewrites and restaging that Defendants had been planning without Taymor's approval. During the shut-down period, Berger and Aguirre-Sacasa, at the urging and direction of Cohl and Harris, continued to make changes to the Original Book. These changes included reducing or eliminating the role of certain characters and revising certain plot lines. The changes were made without Taymor's approval or consultation. The changes resulted in a revised book (the "Infringing Book"), which was adapted and derived from Taymor's Original Book.
  - 58. On May 12, 2011, *Spider-Man* re-opened in previews using the Infringing Book.
- 59. The Infringing Book, which has been used in the Musical since it re-opened on May 12, 2011, is copied and derived from Taymor's copyrighted 2004 Treatment and her Original Book. As detailed below, the Infringing Book is substantially similar to both works. In addition, the producers have copied portions of Taymor's Original Book without authorization

in, among other things, merchandise sold in connection with the Musical since the May 12, 2011, re-opening.

- 60. Taymor has been billed as co-bookwriter of the Musical since the Musical opened in previews in November 2010. Even after the producers removed Taymor in March 2011 as the director, they have continued to acknowledge that Taymor is a co-bookwriter of the Musical and have publicized that fact to capitalize on Taymor's name and reputation, while refusing to compensate Taymor as she is entitled.
- 61. As of the date of this Complaint, for example, the Musical's website continues to bill Taymor as a co-bookwriter, among other things. A copy of Taymor's biography as it currently appears on the Musical's website is attached hereto as Exhibit H. In addition, a building-size billboard currently hanging from the Foxwoods Theater, where *Spider-Man* is playing, advertises Taymor as co-bookwriter and director of the Musical. A photograph of that billboard as it currently is displayed is attached hereto as Exhibit I. Furthermore, on the Musical's current website, the producers tout a recent review stating:

It [the Musical] was one of the most dazzling theatrical experiences we have ever seen! And, most of that, we think, can be attributed to the bold and inspired work of Julie Taymor, who also helmed Disney's groundbreaking Lion King stage Musical. EVERYTHING about Spider-Man worked!

- 62. On June 14, 2011, *Spider-Man* officially opened on Broadway using the Infringing Book.
- 63. In the opening night credits for the Musical, the producers continued to list Taymor as co-bookwriter of the Musical. As a consequence, Taymor will be eligible to be nominated for a 2012 Tony Award as co-writer of the book of the Musical.
- 64. On November 3, 2011, further acknowledging Taymor's work on the Musical, the Tony Awards Administration Committee ruled that Taymor also will be eligible to be nominated

for a 2012 Tony Award in the category of Best Direction of a Musical. In so ruling, the Tony Awards Administration Committee rejected the producers' contention that Philip William McKinley had transformed the Musical into a "new" production and therefore should be eligible for the Best Direction award along with, or instead of, Ms. Taymor.

- 65. Spider-Man continues to play in the Foxwoods Theater, Broadway's largest house, and regularly grosses in excess (sometimes far in excess) of \$1.4 million per week. The Foxwoods Theater seats 1,930 people. Current ticket prices average over \$100 per seat, and capacity averages over 90% for each of the Musical's eight performances every week.
- 66. Upon information and belief, Cohl, Harris, Berger, 8 Legged, Hello, Goodbye, and Savior have derived and continue to derive substantial revenues, profits, fees, and other benefits and advantages from the Musical and from the use therein of Taymor's copyrighted works. To date, the producers have derived over \$60 million in revenues from public performances of the Musical, including preview performances.
- 67. On November 4, 2011, the producers' counsel belatedly sent Taymor a check for \$52,880, purporting to represent payment of her co-bookwriter royalties for performances of the Musical through April 17, 2011, when the Musical had its last public performance before Cohl, Harris, Berger, and Aguirre-Sacasa implemented their revisions to the Original Book. The producers, however, continue to refuse to pay Taymor any royalties for performances after April 17, 2011.
- 68. Despite repeated requests, and despite the fact that they have filed with the New York State Department of Law financial statements indicating that author royalties have been paid, Cohl, Harris, and 8 Legged have refused to pay Taymor and LOH the royalties they are due, including royalties for public performances of the Musical after April 17, 2011. A total of

over \$70,000 in co-bookwriter royalties is due to date, in addition to the \$52,880 that was belatedly paid on November 4, 2011, for pre-April 17, 2011 performances. Continuing royalties of at least \$2,917.50 per week (a minimum based on each eight-performance week) are owed from April 17, 2011, to the present, as the Musical continues public performances.

#### Substantial Similarity Between the Infringing Book and the Original Book

69. The Infringing Book copies, is derived from, and is substantially similar to many novel and unique elements of the Original Book co-authored and approved by Taymor. The Infringing Book copies entire scenes, dialogue blocks, themes, plot lines, narrative arcs, characters, and descriptions of stage activity. In total, over 350 lines of dialogue and descriptions of stage activity—nearly one quarter of the Infringing Book—are copied verbatim from Taymor's Original Book. Hundreds of additional lines and descriptions of stage activity are copied in sum and substance from the Original Book. Indeed, upon the Musical's official opening with the Infringing Book in June 2011, Aguirre-Sacasa told the theater publication "Playbill" that his new role as "co-bookwriter" on the Musical had been to "help[] the rest of the team bring forward what was already there, in the DNA of the show."

#### **Descriptions of Stage Activity**

70. Not surprisingly given that the goal in deriving the Infringing Book was to "bring forward what was already there," the Infringing Book repeatedly copies wholesale, among other things, Taymor's descriptions of stage activity—which are new and unique contributions in the Original Book that are subject to copyright protection. For example, the initial entrance of "Arachne," a new character first referenced in Marvel's comic books but developed by Taymor in the Original Book, is copied in the Infringing Book as shown by the following comparison:

#### **Original Book Infringing Book** (verbatim copying highlighted) A Time before Time. A Giant "Loom" is A Time before Time. A giant "Loom" is revealed--Seven actors swing on vertical revealed: Seven actors swing on vertical silks to form a "tapestry." Meanwhile, silks to form a "tapestry." Meanwhile, Arachne floats down "on" a "Greek altar-ARACHNE floats down "on" a "Greek like" Loom Platform . . . Front projection altar-like" loom platform . . . . Front on the tapestry depict white threads of light, projection on the tapestry depict white forming an image [of the "moon."] As threads of light, forming an image [of the Arachne continues to "work at her loom," "sun"] As ARACHNE continues to "work at her loom," PETER speak/sing-- . . . A MISS ARROW speak/sing--... A projection of "Athena's Shadow" quickly projection of "Athena's Shadow" quickly grows larger and larger upon the tapestry, grows larger and larger upon the tapestry, until CRAAAACK! -- a "lightning bolt" then CRAAAACK!. -- a "lightning bolt" projection and the tapestry is "torn to projection and the tapestry is "torn to shreds," leaving two or three remnants of shreds," leaving two or three remnants of saffron silk dangling. saffron silk dangling.

71. The Original Book brings Spider-Man to life on stage through a newly created scene entitled "Spider-Man's New York Debut," in which the Musical's famous high-flying acrobatics first appear and several new characters, including gangsters, a mugger, an old lady, and a chorus of mothers, are introduced. The scene is copied in the Infringing Book as shown by the following comparison:

Original Book	Infringing Book (verbatim copying highlighted)
STIRRING MUSIC. The forced-perspective	STIRRING MUSIC. The forced-perspective
Cityscape is now in daylight.	Cityscape is now in daylight.
Spider-Man (#1) suddenly appears upstage, flips (in a gainer), and lands all the way downstage.	SPIDER-MAN #1 (BRANDON) suddenly appears upstage, flips (in a gainer), and lands all the way downstage.
He then backflips and flies off SR [stage right].	HE back flips, as, from offstage, we hear the OFF-STAGE SOUND OF A SIREN SPIDER-MAN flies off SR [stage right]
Spider-Man (#2) makes a swing across from	SPIDER-MAN #2 (MARCUS) makes a swing

SR to SL [stage left].

In an explosive jump, Spider-Man (#3) leaps from the floor, lands, jumps onto the SL proscenium, crawls up the wall, then swings hand from hand, exiting SR.

Spider-Man (#4) is an acrobat who utilizes a tumble-track to tumble and jump.

Spider-Man (#5) is another tumbling acrobat.

Spider-Man (#6) is another tumbling acrobat.

The music transmutes into rousing SPIDER-MAN CRIME-FIGHTING MUSIC.

Three gangsters with sacks of money on their backs and holding Tommy guns run down the ramp. From above, Spider-Man (#1) makes a double swing, drops a web-net over them. The gangsters roll down into the trap.

Another Spider-Man (#7) SR, swings over the audience, lands onto the balcony HL [house left].

A mugger snatches a purse from an old lady. Spider-Man (#7) swings back to the stage, lands in front of the purse-snatcher. Spidey gives the purse back to the lady, the mugger runs away, Spider-Man shoots a web and

across from SR to SL [stage left]

SPIDER-MAN #3 (GERALD) makes a swing across from SL to SR

From SR, SPIDER-MAN #4 (CRAIG) enters. HE is an acrobat who utilizes a tumble-track to tumble and jump.

SPIDER-MAN 5# (DOLLAR) is another tumbling acrobat, going SL to SR.

SPIDER-MAN #6 (MANNY) is another tumbling acrobat, going SR to SL.

The music transmutes into rousing SPIDER-MAN CRIME-FIGHTING MUSIC.

Three gangsters with sacks of money on their backs and holding Tommy guns run down the ramp. From above, SPIDER-MAN (#1) makes a double swing, drops a web-net over them. The GANGSTERS roll down into the trap.

SPIDER-MAN (V.O) (as he swings): Special today! Free webbing!

Another SPIDER-MAN (#7) SR, swings over the audience, lands onto the balcony HL [house left].

MJ, entering SR, walking with her nose in a script, crosses the stage, stops, looks up, and sees . . . SPIDER-MAN, swinging around.

SPIDER-MAN (V.O): Hi . . . just passing through!

SHE is transfixed. Love at first sight . . . SHE exits SL.

A MUGGER snatches a purse from an OLD LADY. SPIDER-MAN (#7) swings back to the stage, lands in front of the PURSE-SNATCHER. SPIDEY gives the purse back to the LADY, the MUGGER runs away.

tosses the mugger offstage (SR). Spider-Man then exits SL.	SPIDER-MAN shoots a web and tosses the MUGGER offstage (SR). SPIDER-MAN then exits SL.
	SPIDER-MAN (V.O): Spider Airlines – the safest way to fly!
A Burning Building. A Chorus of Mothers appear and an off-stage voice screams "My Baby!"	A Burning Building. A Chorus of Mothers appear and an off-stage voice screams "My Baby!"
Two Pop-Ups depict a baby falling into Spidey's arms.	Two Pop-Ups depict a baby falling into Spidey's arms.

72. The Infringing Book also copies inventive staging techniques critical to the Original Book. For example, a key confrontation between Peter Parker and bullies in his high school is copied in the Infringing Book as shown by the following comparison:

Original Book	Infringing Book (verbatim copying highlighted)
Utilizing "black theater" puppet techniques, a Comic fight between Peter and the Bullies ensues, with Peter delivering effortless punches into the Bullies which send them flying high in the air and bouncing off the walls.	Utilizing "black theater" puppet techniques, a Comic fight between PETER and the BULLIES ensues, with PETER delivering effortless punches into the BULLIES which send them flying high in the air and bouncing off the walls.

#### **Dialogue**

73. The Infringing Book also copies extensive dialogue from the Original Book, in some cases copying entire scenes almost verbatim. For example, both books feature an early scene introducing Peter Parker and his classmates. In both books, Peter asks a question, prompting the teacher to assign work to the class and incurring the wrath of Peter's classmates. The Infringing Book copies from the Original Book as shown by the following comparison:

#### **Original Book Infringing Book** (verbatim copying highlighted) TEACHER: Well! I guess I'll be letting you TEACHER: Why don't we wrap up a bit out for lunch early today. early--CHEERS from class. CHEERS from class. TEACHER (CONT'D) (adding--): That is, unless anyone has something to add? Pause. Then Peter Parker raises his hand. A GROAN PETER (raising hand): Uhm, Mrs. Gribrock? from the students. Flash leans toward Peter with menace-FLASH: You are so gonna to [sic] get it, FLASH (sotto to PETER; anger, disbelief): Parker. Oh, you are *such* dead meat, Parker! TEACHER: Yes, Peter? PETER (eagerly): Well I found this really PETER (eagerly): I found this interesting interesting footnote in Bullfinch's Mythology. footnote. Apparently, Athena used aconite to Apparently, Athena used aconite to turn turn Arachne into the spider, and I was curious if that's the same compound as the alkaloid Arachne into a spider, and I was just pseudaconitine? wondering if that was referring to the compound made from the roots of wolfsbane, containing the alkaloid pseudaconitine? TEACHER: Peter, I teach Classics, not TEACHER: Peter, I teach Classics, not Chemistry. Chemistry. PETER: Well I was just wondering, because --PETER: Well I was just wondering, because— FLASH: --because you're a dork. FLASH: --because you're a dork. General laughter from class. Peter soldiers TEACHER: Class, class -on— PETER: Well it's just that the possibility of PETER: I was wondering because . . . (back to metamorphosis-TEACHER) . . . I don't know if you're familiar with the work of Norman Osborn. A lot of his projects -- About evolution, genetic splicing,

metamorphoses--

TEACHER (gasps): Metamorphosis-I almost forgot! (announcing sternly) Ovid's Metamorphoses! It's ancient, it's full of myths, and I want a ten-page paper on it by Monday! Thanks for reminding me Peter—(chuckling))--you kids almost got off scot-free this weekend!

The BELL RINGS.

TEACHER (cutting him off): Metamorphoses-I almost forgot! Ovid's Metamorphoses! It's ancient, it's long, it's dense and I want a tenpage paper on it by Monday! Thanks for reminding me Peter -- you kids almost got off scott-free this weekend! Have a nice lunch.

SCHOOL BELL RINGS

74. Likewise in both books, Peter Parker and his classmates visit Oscorp Labs, whereupon the character Dr. Osborn—soon to become the Green Goblin—is introduced. The Infringing Book copies from the Original Book as shown by the following comparison:

Original Book	Infringing Book (verbatim copying highlighted)
NORMAN (calling out to assistants): Newts! Where are those newts!?	NORMAN (calling out to ASSISTANTS): Newts! It came to me in the night-newts!
EMILY: Norman, can you just stand still for a moment	EMILY: Norman, can you just stand still for a minute
NORMAN (rushing off to another station): I'm sure I <i>can</i> stand still, honey, I just don't see the point.	NORMAN: I'm sure I <i>can</i> stand still, I just don't see the point.
EMILY: We need to talk about our funding problem—	EMILY: We need to talk about our EXTREME funding problem—
NORMAN (now engrossed in newspaper, on high horse): See! Now Emily, here's what I'm talking about. Climate change in North America it's gonna make the cloud-cover so thick we'll need bigger eyes just to compensate. Or no no no (snaps fingers)—Infra-red! Honey, what are those—	NORMAN (now engrossed in newspaper, on high horse): See! Now Emily, here's what I'm talking about. Climate change in North America it's gonna make the cloud-cover so thick we'll need bigger eyes just to compensate. Or no no no (snaps fingers)—Infra-red! What species has infra-red? (to EMILY) Oh, come on Honey, what

EMILY (knowing what he's going to ask): Pit Vipers.

NORMAN: Bingo! (yelling to lab-coat-clad assistant) Danny!, that genome sequence we isolated on that rattlesnake?, get me the printout!, human beings are gonna see in the dark!, oh and hey -- splice in a little luciferin from the glowworm and...geez louise, I'm gonna be Norman Osborn who turned night into day! Let there be Light I say! Or no no no, wait, somebody else said that.

EMILY: God?

NORMAN: Who? No no, Edison.

EMILY: Rattlesnakes.

NORMAN: Bingo! (yelling to lab-coat-clad assistant) Danny!, that genome sequence we isolated on that rattlesnake?, get me the printout!, human beings are gonna see in the dark!, oh and hey -- splice in a little luciferin from the glowworm and... I swear Emily, I'm gonna be Norman Osborn who turned night into day! Let there be Light I say! Or no no no, wait, somebody else said that.

**EMILY:** God?

NORMAN: Who? No no, Edison.

75. In both books, newspaper publisher "JJ" Jameson is introduced in his newsroom, where he is discussing news coverage of Spider-Man. The Infringing Book copies the original scene as shown by the following comparison:

Original Book	Infringing Book (verbatim copying highlighted)
JAMESON: "Masked Man Foils Robbery"?! Well that's a typo! Masked men don't foil robberies, they commit robberies!	JAMESON: "Masked Man Foils Robbery"?! Well that's a typo! Masked men don't foil robberies, they commit robberies!
	ALL SECRETARIES: That's right, JJ.
(to Buttons): Buttons, did you edit this? You're fired!	JAMESON (to Buttons): Buttons
	BUTTONS: Yeah JJ?
	JAMESON: Did you edit this?
	BUTTONS: You bet.
	JAMESON: You're fired!
(to Bud): You whatcha got?	(to Bud): You, Bud whatcha got?

BUD (reading report): "Man in Tights saves Child"!

JAMESON: That's the plot to the Nutcracker!—Get me news!

STOKES (reading headline of his report): "Stick-up Man gets Mysteriously Stuck."

JAMESON: What do you mean. Stuck in what?

MAXIE (referring to her notes): "Goo."

JAMESON: "Goo"? What kind of goo?!

STOKES (struggling): A sort of web-like...

MAXIE (helpfully clarifying): Goo goo-

TRAVIS (helpfully adding--): Webby goo goo!

JAMESON: Have you all turned into infants?!! What's wrong with you people!? This is the Daily Bugle! I ask for answers and what do I get?!

(reading a headline on his desk--): "Heister gets Hoisted by Whosits." Once and for all, Who's Whosits!? I want a name, I want a motive, I want a glossy eight by ten!

BUD (reading report): "Man in Tights saves Child"!

JAMESON: That's the plot to the Nutcracker!—Get me news!

STOKES (reading headline of his report): "Stick-up Man gets Mysteriously Stuck."

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MAXIE (helpfully clarifying): Goo goo.

TRAVIS (helpfully adding--): Webby goo goo!

STOKES/MAXIE/TRAVIS: Yeah, goo goo!

JAMESON: Have you all turned into infants? What's wrong with you people?! This is the Daily Bugle! Not the Herald! Not the Times! And God knows it's not the Post!

ROBERTSON: Hey, JJ, take a look at this.

Hands him the paper.

JAMESON: "Heister gets Hoisted by Whosits!" You call that a headline, Robertson?! For the millionth time, who's Whosits?! And where are all the photographs!? You! Where!

#### Plot Developments and Narrative Arcs

76. The Infringing Book also copies specific plot developments and narrative arcs from the Original Book. For example, in both the Original Book and the Infringing Book:

- Peter is harassed by his classmates who are upset about the nearly-avoided homework assignment and who play a "game" with him called "bullying by numbers"; Peter and Mary Jane then walk home from school together and she consoles him; Peter is then consoled by his Aunt May and Uncle Ben who encourage him to "Rise Above" his petty classmates and their bullying.
- Peter awakens after having been bitten by a spider to discover he is "bouncing off the walls," which is depicted through substantially similar descriptions of stage activity.
- Meanwhile, Dr. Osborn is approached by an evil force seeking to buy his science for nefarious purposes; Dr. Osborn rejects their advances and instead plans to use his science on himself; Dr. Osborn then transforms himself into the Green Goblin, not by accident, but instead through a dangerous procedure which results in the death of his wife, Emily.
- Mary Jane, an actress, invites Peter to the opening of her new, off-Broadway play, "The Fly," which Peter misses because he falls asleep and dreams of Arachne; Peter, disgusted at himself for letting Mary Jane down, decides to give up being Spider-Man and gets rid of his Spider-Man costume; Peter and Mary Jane end up in a dance club where Peter, yelling over a U2 song blaring in the background, confesses his love for Mary Jane and then kisses her, "causing" a city-wide blackout; Peter ultimately decides he has to return to being Spider-Man, even if it keeps him away from those he loves.
- The Green Goblin appears at a grand piano atop the Chrysler building where he plots to take over New York; Spider-Man confronts the Green Goblin atop the Chrysler building, leading to their dramatic battle; Spider-Man defeats the Green Goblin, sending him and the Grand Piano tumbling to the sidewalk.
- 77. These represent just a few examples of the many new, copyrighted elements in the Original Book—including some of the book's most critical moments—that are entirely or substantially copied by the Infringing Book.

#### Substantial Similarity Between the Infringing Book and Taymor's 2004 Treatment

78. The Infringing Book also is derived from, and substantially similar to, Taymor's copyrighted Treatment of the book of the Musical. For example, Taymor's Treatment details the following proposed story line:

The Dream: a city devasted [sic], a huge battle is raging – we see glimpses of Spiderman flying from one burning sky scraper to another – we see Mary Jane pushed from the heights of a giant bridge – Spiderman tries to unleash his web shooter – it fails as he leaps after MJ – but he has lost his powers and begins to fall.

79. The Infringing Book contains the same scene, depicted as follows:

#### SCENE 7: BROOKLYN BRIDGE NIGHTMARE

MJ is dangling from the Brooklyn Bridge.

SPIDER-MAN appears Upstage on the bridge and runs toward MJ.

The large Goblin cut-out "slices" through the cable MJ is tethered to. SHE SCREAMS as she disappears into the abyss.

Peter's web-shooter fails him.

PETER: MARY JANE!!

He impulsively leaps after MJ.

A stunt double tumbles over and over in slow-motion.

[...]

PETER is tossing and turning in his bed UC. It was a nightmare.

80. The Infringing Book also copies from broader narrative arcs introduced in Taymor's Treatment. For example, the Treatment states:

Peter, distrusted and maligned by the press and also unable to find the balance with his human needs and desires (in Act One), finally seems to be able to put those two worlds together in Act Two: After he decides to give up being Spiderman he is forced by the onslaught of the Sinister Six/Seven attacks to utilize his Spiderman powers to save his aunt. Finally, Mary Jane realizes who he is and is ready

to accept him as both Spiderman and Peter, her love.

- 81. The Infringing Book copies virtually every detail of that narrative arc. For example, in the Infringing Book:
  - The press (in particular, JJ Jameson and his Daily Bugle) reports that Spider-Man is a villain, not a hero, harshly criticizing him much to Peter Parker's dismay.
  - Peter finds himself "unable to find the balance" between his "human needs and desires"—specifically, his need to care for his aunt and his desire to spend time with MJ—on the one hand, and his need to be Spider-Man on the other. For example: (a) Peter is unable to spend time with his aunt because he is off fighting crime; (b) Peter misses his girlfriend's play because he is caught up in a Spider-Man dream sequence with the character Arachne; and (c) Peter and Mary Jane fight frequently about Peter's inability to be present for her as a boyfriend when she needs him.
  - Peter decides to give up being Spider-Man and turns his costume over to JJ Jameson in an effort to save his family and Mary Jane from harm and to spend more time with them.
  - Peter is then forced back into the Spider-Man role due to mayhem caused by the "Sinister Six" and the responsibility he feels to save the city.
  - Peter is ultimately able to "reconcile" his two worlds by learning to live with both and by disclosing his true identity to Mary Jane.
  - At the book's dramatic height at the end of Act Two, Mary Jane realizes that Spider-Man, who has just rescued her from the Green Goblin, is in fact Peter Parker. She accepts him in both roles as the two kiss and agree to go forward as boyfriend and girlfriend.

#### **Defendants' Merchandise Copies Protected Aspects of Taymor's Original Book**

- 82. The producers also have used Taymor's copyrighted works without her permission in connection with the marketing and sale of *Spider-Man* merchandise, including a souvenir program that copies portions of Taymor's copyrighted works.
- 83. For example, the souvenir program contains a picture of the classroom scene described above and reproduces the following exchange from the Original Book:

FLASH: YOU ARE SO GONNA GET IT, PARKER!

PETER: WELL, I WAS JUST WONDERING, BECAUSE-

FLASH: -- BECAUSE YOU'RE A DORK.

84. The souvenir program contains a picture of the newspaper scene described above and reproduces the following dialogue taken from the Original Book:

STICK-UP MAN GETS MYSTERIOUSLY STUCK!

WELL THEY ALL SAY HE LOOKS LIKE A SPIDER!

MASKED MAN FOILS ROBBERY?!

MAN IN TIGHTS SAVES CHILD.

85. Upon information and belief, Defendants have exploited and intend to continue exploiting Taymor's copyrighted works in the creation, marketing, and sale of other merchandise in addition to the souvenir program.

#### **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

Copyright Infringement, 17 U.S.C. § 501 – Original Book (Against 8 Legged, Hello, Goodbye, Savior, Cohl, and Harris)

- 86. Taymor and LOH repeat and reallege the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 85 as if fully set forth herein.
- 87. Taymor is the owner of a valid copyright in the Original Book, which includes her original and unique contributions and which constitutes copyrightable subject matter under the laws of the United States. Under the parties' agreements, all rights to prepare or license derivative works were, and were intended to be, exclusively owned and controlled by Taymor.
- 88. Taymor's copyright in the Original Book was registered by the United States Copyright Office effective October 11, 2011, under registration number PAu 3-576-391.

- 89. Without authorization, Defendants intentionally and willfully copied unique and original portions of Taymor's Original Book, including by reproducing and publicly performing the work; by using such portions in the preparation of an unauthorized derivative work that is substantially similar to Taymor's Original Book; and by using such portions in advertisements and merchandise in connection with the current Broadway production of *Spider-Man*.
- 90. Defendants' alteration of Taymor's work, without her approval or consent, and their failure to pay her the royalties she is due, rescinded any license they had to use her work.
- 91. Through their actions, Defendants have directly, contributorily, and vicariously engaged, and threaten further to engage, in willful infringement of Taymor's exclusive rights, among other things, to: (a) reproduce her Original Book under 17 U.S.C. § 106(1); (b) prepare a derivative work based upon and substantially similar to her Original Book under 17 U.S.C. § 106(2); and (c) publicly perform her Original Book under 17 U.S.C. § 106(4).
- 92. Cohl and Harris, as lead producers and Managers of Goodbye, are personally liable for Defendants' infringing activities. Cohl and Harris, and the entities they manage and control, were instrumental in the decision to remove Taymor from the production, alter her copyrighted work without authorization, and publicly perform her work without payment of royalties. By removing Taymor and instructing others to make changes to the Original Book without her consent, Cohl and Harris knew of and caused, induced, and materially contributed to the infringing activities. Similarly, Cohl and Harris had the right and ability to control the infringement.

- 93. 8 Legged, as the production company performing the revised Musical, knew of and caused, induced, and contributed to the infringing activities. 8 Legged has the ability to direct and control the infringing activities in its role as the Musical's lead production company.
- 94. Savior and Goodbye, through their principals Cohl and Harris, and through their respective positions as Member and Manager of 8 Legged, knew of and caused, induced, and contributed to Defendants' infringing activities. By acting through their principals Cohl and Harris, Savior and Goodbye have the ability to direct and control the infringing activities.
- 95. Hello, as a Manager of 8 Legged and a Board member under the Hello-Goodbye joint venture amendment, knew of and caused, induced, and contributed to Defendants' infringing activities. As a Manager of 8 Legged and through its rights and powers in the Hello-Goodbye joint venture, Hello has the ability to direct and control the infringing activities.
- 96. Defendants continue to perform the Musical using the Infringing Book eight times per week and intend to do so indefinitely without compensating Taymor for their infringement.
- 97. Defendants' continued infringement of Taymor's copyright in the Original Book is causing Taymor irreparable harm for which Taymor has no adequate remedy at law, including but not limited to: (a) harm to Taymor's future business prospects and commercial reputation; (b) loss of control over Taymor's creative work; and (c) prospective harm attributable to continuing performances of the Musical, which cannot readily or precisely be calculated.
- 98. With respect to the current Broadway production of the Musical, Taymor is entitled to a permanent injunction barring Defendants from using copyrighted elements of her Original Book without compensating her for such use and honoring their contracts with her, or upon such terms as the Court finds to be just and equitable.

- 99. Taymor is entitled to a permanent injunction barring Defendants from any future use of copyrighted elements of her Original Book in any medium whatsoever, including any future production of the Musical in venues other than on Broadway and any "making-of" film or video, without Taymor's written consent.
- 100. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' infringement, Taymor has suffered actual damages in an amount not yet determined or ascertainable but believed to be in excess of \$1 million.
- 101. Taymor is entitled to disgorgement of Defendants' profits attributable to their unauthorized use of Taymor's copyrighted Original Book.
- 102. Taymor is entitled to attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements under 17 U.S.C. § 505.

#### SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# Copyright Infringement, 17 U.S.C. § 501 – Treatment (Against 8 Legged, Hello, Goodbye, Savior, Cohl, and Harris)

- 103. Taymor and LOH repeat and reallege the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 102 as if fully set forth herein.
- 104. Taymor is the owner of a valid copyright in the Treatment, which includes her original and unique contributions and which constitutes copyrightable subject matter under the laws of the United States. Only Taymor has the right to authorize derivative works based on the Treatment.
- 105. Taymor's copyright in the Treatment was registered by the United States Copyright Office on March 17, 2005, under registration number PAu002942150.
- 106. Without authorization, Defendants intentionally and willfully copied unique and original portions of Taymor's Treatment, including by reproducing and publicly performing the

work and by using such portions in the preparation of an unauthorized derivative work that is substantially similar to Taymor's Treatment.

- 107. Defendants' alteration of Taymor's work, without her approval or consent, and their failure to pay her the royalties she is due, rescinded any license they had to use her work.
- 108. Through their actions, Defendants have directly, contributorily, and vicariously engaged, and threaten further to engage, in willful infringement of Taymor's exclusive rights, among other things, to: (a) reproduce the Treatment under 17 U.S.C. § 106(1); (b) prepare a derivative work based upon and substantially similar to the Treatment under 17 U.S.C. § 106(2); and (c) publicly perform the Treatment under 17 U.S.C. § 106(4).
- 109. Defendants continue to perform the Musical using the Infringing Book eight times per week and intend to do so indefinitely without compensating Taymor for their infringement.
- 110. Defendants' continued infringement of Taymor's copyrighted Treatment is causing Taymor irreparable harm for which Taymor has no adequate remedy at law, including but not limited to: (a) harm to Taymor's future business prospects and commercial reputation; (b) loss of control over Taymor's creative work; and (c) prospective harm attributable to continuing performances of the Musical, which cannot readily or precisely be calculated.
- 111. With respect to the current Broadway production of the Musical, Taymor is entitled to a permanent injunction barring Defendants from using copyrighted elements of her Treatment without compensating her for such use and honoring their contracts with her, or upon such terms as the Court finds to be just and equitable.
- 112. Taymor is entitled to a permanent injunction barring Defendants from any future use of copyrighted elements of her Treatment in any medium whatsoever, including any future

production of the Musical in venues other than on Broadway and any "making-of" film or video, without Taymor's written consent.

- 113. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' infringement, Taymor has suffered actual damages in an amount not yet determined or ascertainable but believed to be in excess of \$1 million.
- 114. Taymor is entitled to disgorgement of Defendants' profits attributable to their unauthorized use of Taymor's copyrighted Treatment.
- 115. Taymor is entitled to attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements under 17 U.S.C. § 505.

#### THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

### Breach of Contract (Against Hello and 8 Legged)

- 116. Taymor and LOH repeat and reallege the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 115 as if fully set forth herein.
- 117. The Author Deal Memo and 2010 Amendment are valid and enforceable contracts with Taymor and LOH requiring Hello and 8 Legged, among other things, to: (a) pay weekly royalties to Taymor and LOH; and (b) obtain Taymor's approval prior to making changes to the Original Book.
- 118. Taymor and LOH have performed all of their obligations under the Author Deal Memo and the 2010 Amendment.
- 119. Hello and 8 Legged have breached their obligations under the Author Deal Memo and 2010 Amendment by, among other things: (a) failing to pay royalties owed to Taymor and LOH, including, at a minimum, Taymor's continuing guaranteed minimum weekly royalty of

- \$2,917.50 per eight-performance week; and (b) failing to obtain Taymor's approval prior to making changes to the Original Book.
- 120. The Berger Deal Memo is a valid and enforceable contract for Berger's services as co-author of the Original Book.
- 121. Taymor is a third-party beneficiary of the Berger Deal Memo. Taymor's benefits under the Berger Deal Memo include the requirement that "Berger shall collaborate with Julie Taymor on bookwriter related and other creative decisions for the Musical; provided, however, Julie Taymor, in her sole and absolute discretion, shall have final approval on all such decisions." (Emphasis added.) The benefits to Taymor of this provision were substantial and immediate, rather than incidental.
- 122. Berger and Hello intended to benefit Taymor under the Berger Deal Memo, and Taymor relied on the Berger Deal Memo to her detriment.
- 123. Hello and 8 Legged breached their obligations under the Berger Deal Memo by failing to obtain Taymor's approval of changes made to the Original Book.
- 124. As a direct and proximate result of Hello's and 8 Legged's breaches, Taymor and LOH have suffered and will continue to suffer actual damages in an amount not yet determined or ascertainable but believed to be in excess of \$1 million.

#### **FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

### Declaratory Judgment and Injunction – Non-Broadway Productions (Against Hello and 8 Legged)

125. Taymor and LOH repeat and reallege the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 124 as if fully set forth herein.

- 126. The Author Deal Memo requires Hello and 8 Legged to obtain Taymor's and LOH's approval over dispositions of rights to the Musical such as production of the Musical in venues other than on Broadway.
- 127. Neither Taymor nor LOH has authorized or approved any disposition of rights to the Musical that would permit a production of the Musical in a venue other than on Broadway.
- 128. Upon information and belief, Hello and 8 Legged are preparing to produce or license to be produced, without Taymor's approval, a version of the Musical to be performed in venues other than on Broadway.
- 129. An actual, present, and justiciable controversy exists as to whether Hello and 8 Legged have the right to produce or license to be produced a version of the Musical to be performed in a venue other than on Broadway.
- 130. The production or licensing of a production of the Musical to be performed in a venue other than on Broadway would cause Taymor and LOH to suffer irreparable harm for which they have no adequate remedy at law, including but not limited to: (a) harm to Taymor's future business prospects and reputation; (b) loss of control over Taymor's creative work; and (c) prospective harm attributable to continuing performances of the Musical, which cannot readily or precisely be calculated.
- 131. Taymor and LOH are entitled to a declaratory judgment under 28 U.S.C. § 2201 that the production or licensing of a production of the Musical to be performed in a venue other than on Broadway, without Taymor's written consent, would breach the Author Deal Memo.
- 132. Taymor and LOH are entitled to a permanent injunction barring Defendants from producing or licensing a version of the Musical to be performed in a venue other than on Broadway without Taymor's written consent.

#### FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

## Declaratory Judgment and Injunction – NY Civil Rights Law §§ 50 and 51 (Against 8 Legged, Cohl, and Harris)

- 133. Taymor and LOH repeat and reallege the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 132 as if fully set forth herein.
- 134. Upon information and belief, 8 Legged, Cohl, Harris, and others are in the process of producing a promotional "making-of" film or video using, among other things, Taymor's name and likeness (the "Promotional Film"). 8 Legged, Cohl, and Harris intend to use the Promotional Film as, among other things, an advertising tool for the Musical and for purposes of trade.
- 135. Taymor has not granted permission to the producers to use her name and likeness in connection with a Promotional Film.
- 136. Taymor's counsel has notified the producers' counsel that Taymor has not waived her approval rights over a Promotional Film.
- 137. 8 Legged's counsel has notified Taymor's counsel that 8 Legged does not intend to recognize or comply with Taymor's approval rights over a Promotional Film.
- 138. An actual, present, and justiciable controversy exists as to whether 8 Legged has the right to produce or market a Promotional Film without Taymor's consent.
- 139. The production or marketing of a Promotional Film without Taymor's consent would cause Taymor to suffer irreparable harm for which she has no adequate remedy at law, including but not limited to: (a) harm to Taymor's future business prospects and commercial reputation; (b) harm to Taymor's ability to control the use of her name and likeness; and (c) prospective harm attributable to sales of a Promotional Film, which cannot readily or precisely be calculated.

- 140. Taymor is entitled to a declaratory judgment under 28 U.S.C. § 2201 that the use of her name or likeness in connection with a Promotional Film without her written consent would violate her right of privacy under Sections 50 and 51 of the New York Civil Rights Law.
- 141. Taymor is entitled to a permanent injunction barring 8 Legged, Cohl, and Harris from using her name or likeness in connection with a Promotional Film without her written consent.

#### SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

### Copyright Accounting (Against Berger)

- 142. Taymor and LOH repeat and reallege the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 141 as if fully set forth herein.
- 143. As set forth in the registration certificate for Taymor's copyright in the Original Book (Exhibit G), Taymor and Berger are joint authors of the Original Book. Each made independently copyrightable contributions to the work.
- 144. Berger, however, did not have the power or authority to license or transfer any right to prepare derivative works based on the Original Book or to make changes to the Original Book. Under the Author Deal Memo and the Berger Deal Memo, all rights to prepare or license derivative works were, and were intended to be, exclusively owned and controlled by Taymor.
- 145. As an alternative to her copyright infringement claim based on infringement of the Original Book, if Berger is held to have validly effected the license or transfer of any rights in the Original Book (including but not limited to any license or transfer to the producers), Taymor, as a joint author, is entitled to an accounting and half of any proceeds obtained by Berger as a result of such license or transfer.

# **JURY DEMAND**

146. Taymor and LOH demand a jury trial.

# PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Taymor and LOH respectfully request judgment against 8 Legged Productions, LLC, Hello Entertainment, LLC, Goodbye Entertainment, LLC, Savior Productions, LLC, Michael Cohl, Jeremiah Harris, and Glen Berger as follows:

- 1. On their First and Second Claims for Relief, for copyright infringement:
- (a) a full and complete accounting from Defendants of the profits, gains, and advantages derived from their infringing use of Taymor's copyrighted Original Book and Treatment;
- (b) damages in an amount to be determined at trial but believed to be in excess of \$1 million, including Plaintiffs' actual damages and Defendants' profits pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(b), or, in the alternative, enhanced statutory damages pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(c);
- (c) disgorgement of profits attributable to Defendants' unauthorized use of Taymor's copyrighted Original Book and Treatment;
- (d) with respect to the current Broadway production of the Musical, a permanent injunction barring Defendants from using copyrighted elements of Taymor's Original Book or Treatment without compensating Taymor for such use and honoring their contracts with her, or upon such terms as the Court finds to be just and equitable; and
- (e) a permanent injunction barring Defendants from any future use of copyrighted elements of Taymor's Original Book or Treatment in any medium

whatsoever, including any future production of the Musical in venues other than on Broadway and any "making-of" film or video, without Taymor's written consent;

- 2. On their Third Claim for Relief, for breach of contract:
- (a) a full and complete accounting from Defendants of the revenues and profits derived from the Musical, as well as the fees, advances, royalties, and other payments owed to Plaintiffs under the parties' contracts; and
- (b) damages in an amount to be determined at trial but believed to be in excess of \$1 million;
- 3. On their Fourth Claim for Relief, for declaratory judgment:
- (a) a declaration that the production or licensing of a production of the Musical to be performed in a venue other than on Broadway, without Taymor's written consent, would breach the Author Deal Memo; and
- (b) a permanent injunction barring Defendants from producing or licensing a version of the Musical to be performed in a venue other than on Broadway without Taymor's written consent;
- 4. On their Fifth Claim for Relief, for declaratory judgment:
- (a) a declaration that the use of Taymor's name or likeness in connection with a "making of" Promotional Film without Taymor's written consent would violate Taymor's right of privacy under Sections 50 and 51 of the New York Civil Rights Law; and
- (b) a permanent injunction barring 8 Legged, Cohl, and Harris from using Taymor's name or likeness in connection with a Promotional Film without Taymor's written consent;

- 5. On their Sixth Claim for Relief, in the alternative, for a copyright accounting:
- (a) a full and complete accounting of all profits, gains, and advantages derived by Berger from any license, transfer, sale, or lease of any rights in the Original Book; and
- (b) damages in the amount of half of all profits, gains, and advantages derived by Berger from any license, transfer, sale, or lease of any rights in the Original Book;
- 6. Attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements, including but not limited to fees, costs, and disbursements under 17 U.S.C. § 505;
- 7. Pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, to the fullest extent available, on the foregoing; and
  - 8. Such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

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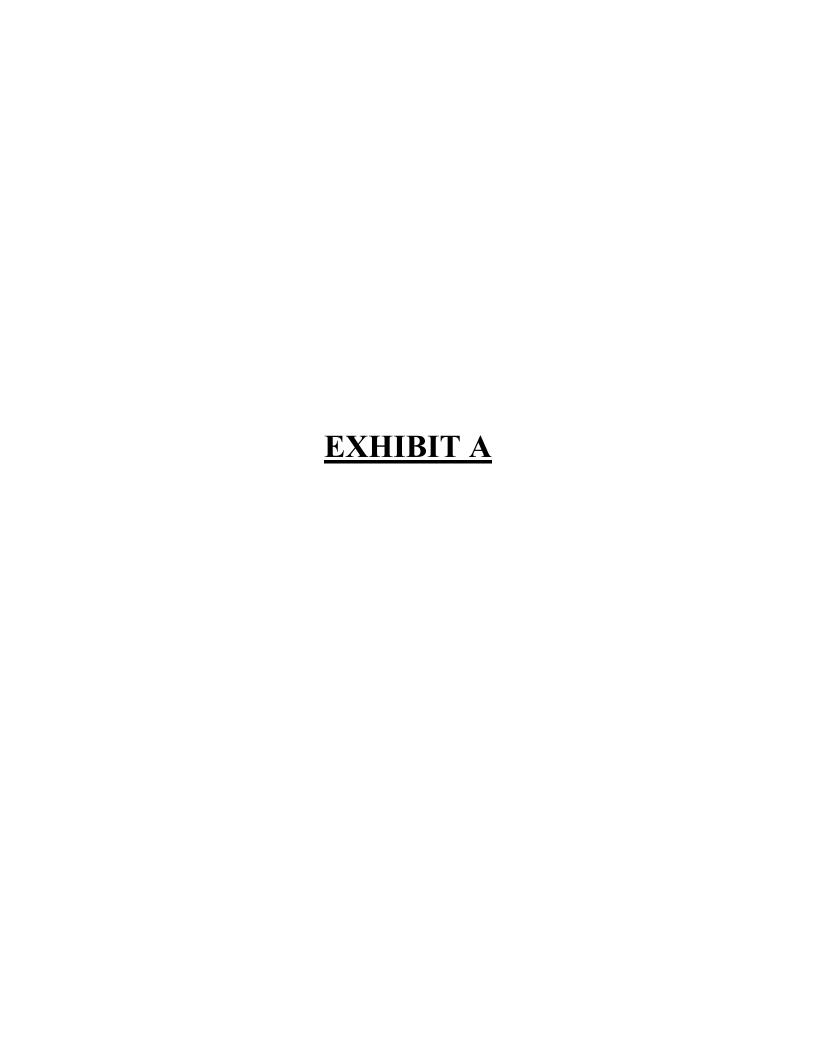
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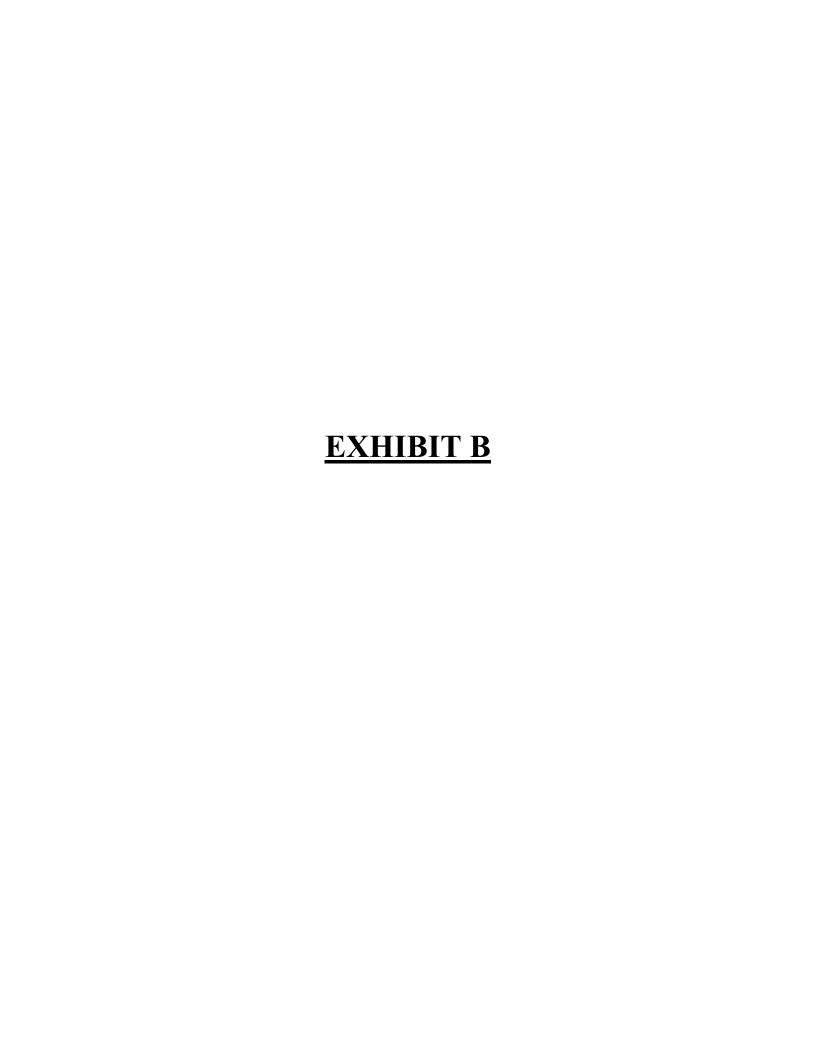


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Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2005 1:50 PM

To: Seth Gelblum

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Subject: Berger Deal Memo

### Dear Seth:

Per our conversation, attached is a copy of the deal memo for Glen that has been sent to Joyce Ketay. As I indicated, material business points have been agreed, although we are awaiting a response to the specific language.

Best regards,

David

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### Spider-Man Musical

Summary of Material Terms between Glen Berger ("Berger" or "Bookwriter") and Hello Entertainment, LLC ("Hello" or "Producer")

The summary of material terms set forth below, when countersigned by Berger and Hello, outlines material terms upon which the parties have agreed Berger will co-write the treatment and/or book for a dramatico-musical work for the legitimate stage presently entitled "Spider-Man: A Musical Web" (the "Musical") and grant Hello the right to produce and present the Musical.

The parties acknowledge that Hello entered into an agreement with Marvel Enterprises, Inc. dated March 25, 2004 (the "Marvel Agreement") pursuant to which Hello has acquired the right to cause to be created a stage musical based on certain intellectual property owned by Marvel (including the comic book character known as Spider-Man), which intellectual property is defined in the Marvel Agreement as the "Work". Berger hereby acknowledges and agrees that his position as a co-writer of the treatment and/or the book of the Musical is subject to the approvals of both Marvel Enterprises, Inc. ("Marvel") and Bono and the Edge of U2.

- 1) Treatment and Bookwriter Payments: For the initial option to present the first class production of the Musical on Broadway in New York City or on the West End of London (in either case, the "Initial First Class Production"), and any developmental or tryout productions prior to the deadlines set forth in the Marvel Agreement, as such dates may be extended by Marvel, Hello will pay Berger the following:
  - a. <u>Treatment Payment:</u> Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) upon delivery of a completed treatment/step outline (the "Treatment") for which Berger shall serve as co-writer (the "Treatment Payment"). The Treatment shall include, without limitation, those elements set forth in the definition of "Basic Treatment" in the Marvel Agreement, which is "the story, basic treatment, overall concept and music-style contained in the Musical (e.g. rock vs. hip-hop), including but not limited to the basic storyline, character descriptions, portrayal of the powers, basic personal traits, physical appearance and the living habitat, environment and setting thereof" and a scene by scene breakdown. The Treatment Payment shall be paid to Berger by Producer regardless of whether Producer elects to utilize Berger's services to make revisions to the Treatment, to write the Book (or any portion thereof) or in any other manner in connection with the Musical.
  - b. <u>Bookwriter Payment:</u> In the event that Berger co-writes the complete book of the Musical (the "Book"), Hello shall pay Berger an additional Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) (the "Bookwriting Payment"). Half of the Bookwriting Payment shall be paid to Berger upon Producer's acceptance of the Treatment and Producer's request for Berger to commence writing the first draft of the Book. The remainder of the Bookwriting Payment shall be paid to Berger upon delivery of the first draft of the Book to Producer. To the extent Berger co-writes both the Treatment and the Book, Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) of the total payments made by Producer to Berger hereunder shall be considered a fee and the remaining Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) shall be considered an advance against the royalties set forth in Paragraph 3 below.
- 2) <u>Buyout Provision</u>: Berger hereby acknowledges and agrees that any determination of whether to engage Berger to co-write the Book shall be made by Producer in its sole, unfettered discretion. In the event that Producer does not elect to retain Berger's services to co-write the Book, Berger Bookwriter Deal Memo
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agrees to accept the additional sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) (i.e. for a twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) total payment) as full and complete consideration in exchange for Producer's unfettered right in and to the Treatment and to the exploitation thereof in all media now known or hereafter developed in perpetuity without further compensation or obligation to Berger. In such instance, Berger hereby agrees that all results and proceeds of Berger's services hereunder in regard to the Treatment and all other material prepared, submitted, written, discussed or interpolated by Berger and provided to Producer hereunder prior to a decision that Berger will not co-write the Book, shall constitute works made-for-hire and shall on their creation be and remain for all purposes the sole and exclusive property of Producer. In the event said results and proceeds are not considered works made-for-hire, Berger hereby irrevocably assigns all right, title and interest Berger may possess in and to said results and proceeds (including, without limitation, the copyright) to Producer. Berger shall deliver to Producer any documents required by Producer to evidence such assignment.

#### 3)Broadway Royalties:

- a. Royalty as bookwriter: In the event Berger co-writes the Book which is acceptable to Producer and Marvel in accordance with the Marvel Agreement, he shall receive 37.5% of the bookwriter's share of Weekly Operating Profit, which amount is equal to 1.945% of Weekly Operating Profit pre-recoupment increasing to 2.2225% post recoupment. If Berger, at the request of Bono and Edge, writes lyrics and such lyrics are included in the lyrics of the Musical, the calculation of remuneration, if any, related to such lyrics shall be the responsibility of Bono and Edge and not Producer. It is further understood and agreed that Berger's contributions to the lyrics of the Musical (if any) shall be owned by Bono and Edge for all purposes, and Bono and Edge shall not be responsible for any compensation due and owing to Berger absent their prior written approval and execution of appropriate agreements therefore. Berger shall receive 37.5% of the bookwriter minimum weekly guarantee ("MWG"), which amount shall be calculated and determined on a favored nations basis with all other authors of the Musical.
- b. <u>Amortization</u>: The above royalty percentages will be subject to any pre-recoupment amortization and reduction schedules agreed to by the other creative parties. Such amortization and reduction schedules, and the recovery of such amortization and reduction, shall be on a most favored nations basis, pro rata, with all other authors of the Musical.
- 4) Royalties for Other Productions: In the event Hello produces, co-produces, presents or licenses the Musical as written by Berger outside of Broadway or the West End, Berger shall be entitled to 37.5% of the bookwriter royalty for all such productions on a favored nations basis with all other authors of the Musical for the amount of the MWG and royalty in terms of calculation and determination.,
- 5) <u>Subsidiary Rights</u>: 1/7<sup>TH</sup> of overall author's subsidiary rights participation net of customary agency commissions and all other third party participations, including Marvel, will go to Julie Taymor. Thereafter, the remainder of author's net share of subsidiary rights proceeds as between the authors will be divided 2/3 to Bono and Edge as composer/lyricist and 1/3 to bookwriter (of which Berger shall receive 37.5% of said 1/3).

### 6) Delivery and Vesting Schedule:

a. Berger will deliver to Hello the Treatment by July 1, 2005. Berger shall receive a status report regarding approval or disapproval from Hello within thirty (30) days of receipt of the completed Treatment and overall approval/disapproval with detailed notes specifying the

reasons for disapproval, if pertinent, within sixty (60) days of such receipt. If either Marvel, or Hello and Julie Taymor disapproves the Treatment, Berger will have up to seven (7) days from receipt of such written and detailed notes to submit another draft of the Treatment for approval. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Hello shall have the option to exercise the treatment buyout right set forth in paragraph 2 at any step in this process.

- b. Following Hello's approval of the Treatment, Hello shall have the right to request that Berger co-write and deliver the Book. Berger shall deliver at least eighty (80) pages of the Book (if song lyrics are included, otherwise a reasonable amount of pages, but not less than the first act) by sixty (60) days from Hello's written request and the completed Book by sixty (60) days thereafter. In the event, after Berger delivers the first draft of the completed Book to Hello, that Hello, in its sole and absolute discretion, decides not to approve the Book and to replace Berger with another co-bookwriter or to hire an additional co-writer, Berger's royalty percentages hereunder shall be reduced dollar for dollar of any amount paid to the other co-writer to a floor of 50% and Berger shall receive a pro rata share of any advances or MWGs on the same reduced basis. In such instance, Producer shall have the unfettered right to use all material created and/or developed by Berger for the Musical, whether in the Treatment, the Book or otherwise, without further compensation to Berger other than that set forth above and herein. The decision regarding whether a replacement or other writer is needed will be made within ninety (90) days of receiving the first draft of the completed Book.
- 7) <u>Billing</u>: If Berger co-writes the Book, the credit accorded to Berger (which shall be negotiated in good faith) shall be no less than the size of the credit accorded to the other bookwriter(s) of the Musical and shall appear whenever credits appear for the other bookwriter(s).
- 8) Payments: All royalties, advances, and fees paid to Berger under the terms and conditions of this deal memo shall be paid pro rata with other creatives based on the same definitions as used in Hello's agreements with such creatives.
- 9) Commercial Use Products: Berger acknowledges and agrees that Producer will have the exclusive right to exploit the merchandising rights in the Musical in connection with each presentation of the Musical hereunder. In connection with exploitation of the Producer's merchandising rights, Producer will pay Berger 37.5% of the bookwriter's share of the authors' income from the exploitation of commercial use products, net of any and all payments to other third parties, including Julie Taymor as director or designer, if applicable.
- 10) Film Adaptation: Berger acknowledges and agrees that Sony Entertainment, Inc. shall have a right of first negotiation and last refusal regarding a film adaptation of the Musical and that Julie Taymor shall have the right of first refusal to direct such adaptation on customary terms for a director of her stature for a film such as this adaptation. No promises have been made to Berger that he can write the screenplay for such film adaptation.
- 11) <u>Consultation on Bookwriter/Creative Decisions:</u> Berger shall collaborate with Julie Taymor on bookwriter related and other creative decisions for the Musical; provided, however, Julie Taymor, in her sole and absolute discretion, shall have final approval on all such decisions, including her directing of any film adaptation of the Musical.
- 12) <u>Confidentiality</u>: Berger hereby agree to keep secret and confidential indefinitely (except as may be necessary to reveal to his legal, business and financial representatives) the following: (a) the amount, terms, provision and promises contained in this deal memo and (b) any information

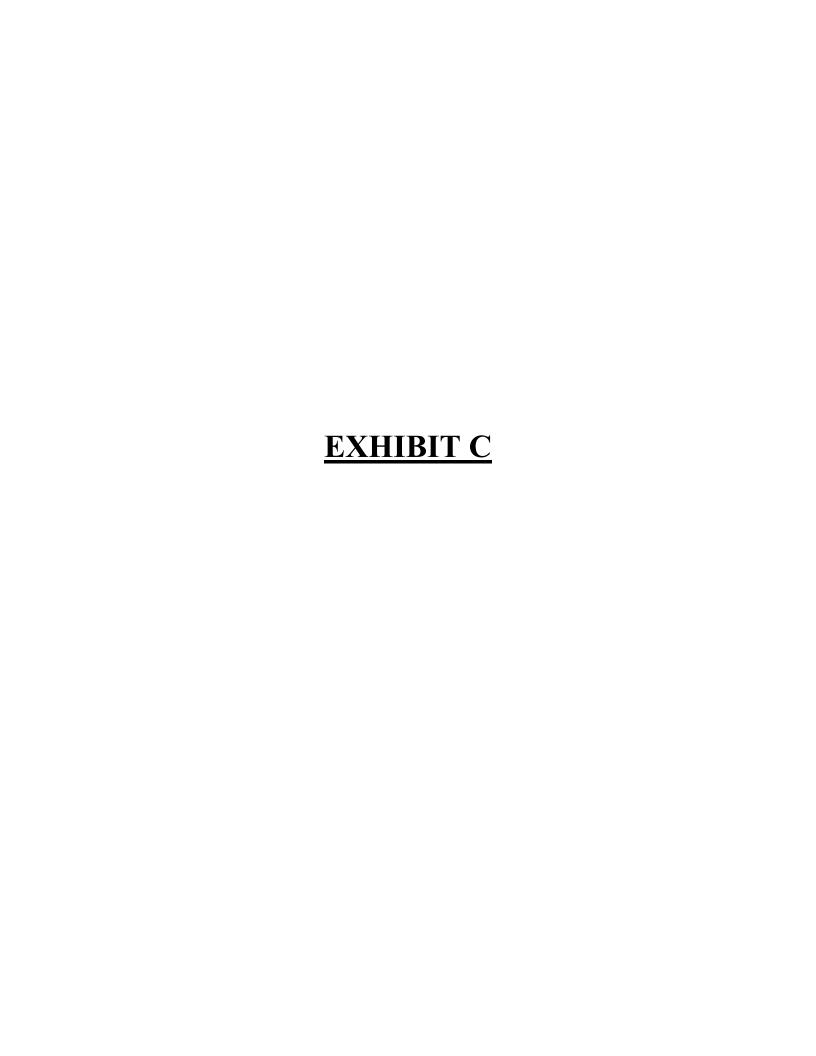
revealed to him orally or in written form by Producer, the director or any related third party regarding the current or intended content, structure, story, music and form of the Musical or any element thereof and/or any other information regarding the creative development of the Musical or the business structure or deals related to the Musical. Berger additionally agrees that he will not, either directly or indirectly, seek or give publicity to, or cooperate in same, the fact of this deal memo or any other information about the Musical without the prior written approval of Producer.

13) Entire Agreement/Governing Law. This deal memo constitutes the entire agreement between the parties concerning the subject matter hereof and shall not be modified or amended except in a writing signed by the parties. This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

The parties will enter into a long form agreement which is within the terms allowed under the Marvel Agreement and which incorporates the above stated terms as well as other terms that are found in authors agreements, including terms regarding grant of rights, warranties, representations and indemnification, subsidiary rights, additional territories, merger, cast album, commercial use products and expenses.

### Agreed and acknowledged:

Hello Entertainment, LLC	Bookwriter
By:Tony Adams	By: Glen Berger
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### Spider-Man Musical

Acknowledgement Between LOH, Inc. ("Lender") f/s/o Julie Taymor ("Taymor") and Hello Entertainment, LLC ("Hello" or "Producer")

Hello acknowledges and agrees that in Lender's position as a co-owner of the book of the musical currently entitled Spider-Man: A Musical Web (the "Musical"), Lender shall have approval (to be shared with the composer and lyricist, and, if such parties and Lender agree, with the bookwriter) over dispositions of rights to the Musical, and all other decisions customarily reserved to the authors of a Musical, and the foregoing, and the first sentence of Paragraph 5 and the provisions of Paragraph 6 in Lender's directing terms with Hello dated July 12, 2005 will be agreed in a writing or writings signed by Lender and all authors prior to performances of the Musical. Lender will use all good faith efforts to secure such an agreement between Lender and all authors as soon as possible. In addition, Hello and Lender acknowledge and agree that in Lender's position as a co-owner/co-writer of the book of the Musical, Lender will receive, in addition to the director and collaborator royalties set forth in Lender's directing agreement, one-half of the aggregate remaining shares of the bookwriter royalty and subsidiary rights participation (after accounting for the participation of Neil Jordan). Specifically, subject to Marvel's approval of Lender as a co-bookwriter, she and her co-writer will each receive (1) 37.5% of the bookwriter's share of weekly operating profit, which amount is equal to 1.945% of weekly operating profit pre-recoupment increasing to 2.2225% post recoupment; (2) 37.5% of the bookwriter royalty for all productions of the Musical that Hello produces, co-produces, presents or licenses outside of Broadway; and (3) 50% of the bookwriters 1/3 portion of authors' net share of subsidiary rights proceeds (i.e. net of customary agency commissions and all third party participations agreed to by Lender; third party participations currently agreed to are Marvel as set forth in Marvel's March 25, 2004 agreement with Hello and Lender's 1/7th share of authors participation as set forth in Lender's director agreement). In addition, Taymor and her cowriter will each receive equal credit as a co-bookwriter of the Musical.

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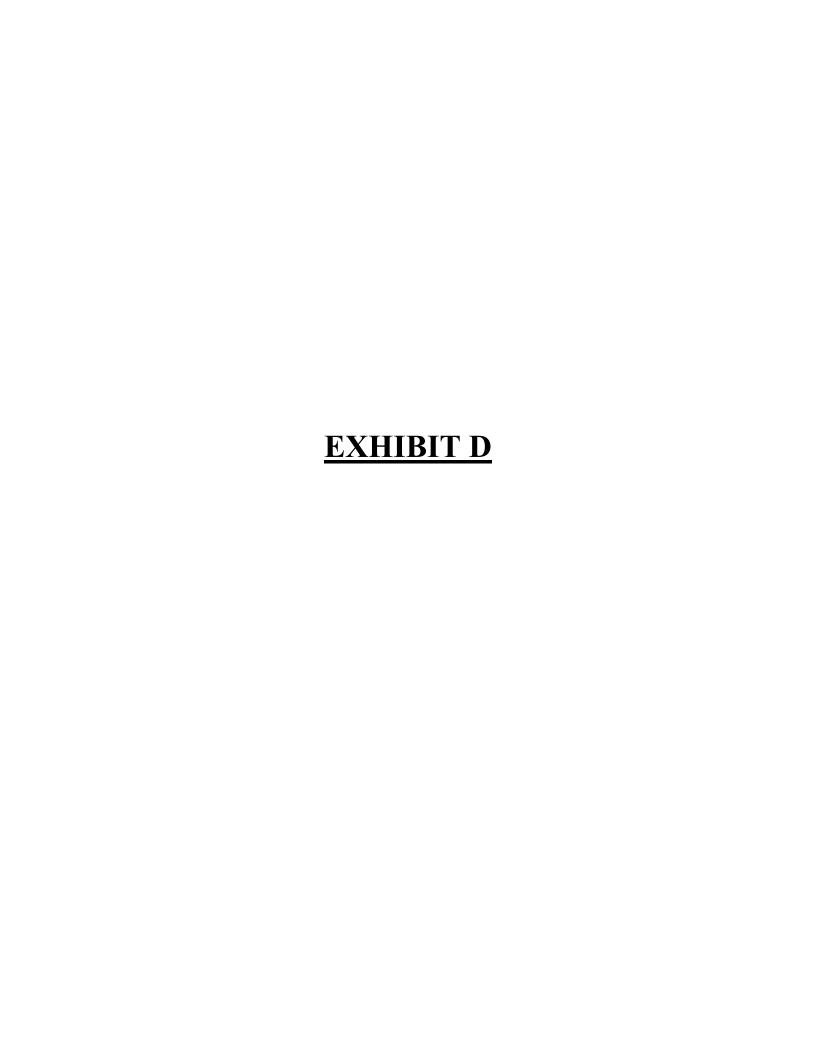
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LOH, Inc. f/s/o Julie Taymor

By: Julie Taymor



## Spider-Man Musical

Summary of Material Terms Between LOH, Inc. ("Lender") f/s/o Julie Taymor ("Taymor" or "Director") and Hello Entertainment, LLC ("Hello" or "Producer")

The summary of material terms set forth below, when countersigned by Lender and Hello, outlines material terms upon which the parties have agreed Taymor will direct and collaborate on the creation of a dramatico-musical work for the legitimate stage presently entitled "Spider-Man: A Musical Web" (the "Musical") and grant Hello the right to produce and present the Musical.

The parties acknowledge that Helio entered into an agreement with Marvel Enterprises, Inc. dated March 25, 2004 (the "Marvel Agreement") pursuant to which Helio has acquired the right to cause to be created a stage musical based on certain intellectual property owned by Marvel (including the comic book character known as Spider-Man), which intellectual property is defined in the Marvel Agreement as the "Work".

- 1) Fee: In consideration for the Lender furnishing the direction and collaboration services of Director for the initial first class production of the Musical on Broadway in New York City or on the West End of London (in either case, the "Initial First Class Production") and any developmental productions prior to the opening of the Initial First Class Production, Hello will pay Lender a non-recoupable total fee of \$125,000 (the "Fee").
  - Upon the execution of this deal memo, Hello shall pay Lender \$25,000 of the Fee (\$12,500 of which has already been paid). The additional payments for the remainder of the Fee will be in three equal payments with the payment schedule to be negotiated in good faith between the parties.
- Net Profit Participation: With respect to each company of the Musical produced or licensed by Hello, Lender will receive 2.5% of 100% of net profits of each such company, if any.
- 3) <u>Broadway Royalties</u>: Lender shall be entitled to the following royalties from performances of the Broadway production of the Musical:
  - a. Royalty as Director: a minimum guaranteed weekly advance (to be negotiated in good faith) against 6.5% of Weekly Operating Profit pre-recoupment increasing to 7.4274% post recoupment.
  - Royalty as Collaborator: a minimum guaranteed weekly advance (to be negotiated in good faith) against 2.5933% of Weekly Operating Profit prerecoupment increasing to 2.9633% post recoupment.
  - c. <u>Amortization</u>: The above royalty percentages will be subject to any prerecoupment amortization and reduction schedules as agreed by Lender and all of the other creative parties.
- 4) Royalties for Other Productions and Right of Lender to Furnish the Services of Director: In the event Hello or any affiliate of Hello or of a controlling party of Hello produces, presents or licenses any first-class production of the Musical outside of Broadway, Lender will be given the first opportunity to furnish the services of Director to direct

same provided she has directed the Initial First Class Production of the Musical. If Taymor directs, Lender shall be entitled to a director royalty for such productions in an amount to be negotiated in good faith taking into account the financial needs of such productions, the prominence of Director, the standards in the theater industry and other relevant circumstances including the venue, provided, however, that Hello may calculate the royalties for any touring production of the Musical on a "company share" basis when Producer is paid on such basis; and provided further that Lender, in relation to authors, shall receive royalty treatment with regard to such productions on a proportionate basis to the royalties received by Lender and the authors on Broadway. Unless an agreement is reached with Lender with respect to such royalty for any performance of the Musical, Producer will have no right to use Director's directorial contribution to the Musical for such performance. Further, Lender must agree to any reductions, deferrals, waivers or other calculations of the foregoing royalties, and of the royalty set forth in paragraph 3. If Lender declines to furnish the services of Director to direct any such additional company referred to above, Producer will be entitled to deduct from the aforesaid royalty payable to Lender, an amount equal to the royalty paid by Producer to any replacement director who actually re-stages such company. The royalty so paid to the replacement director will not reduce Lender's royalty by more than thirty percent (30%).

- Subsidiary Rights: Per the current verbal agreement of Neil Jordan, Glen Berger and Bono and Edge of U2 (together, "Authors"), 1/7<sup>TH</sup> of overall author's subsidiary rights participation, net of customary agency commissions and other third party participations, will go to Lender. In addition, Lender shall be entitled to 2.5% of gross retail sales (less only taxes) of any merchandise using any of Taymor's designs that Taymor is specifically hired to create for the Musical (i.e., costume or puppet designs, to the extent that she is a costume or puppet designer). No royalty shall apply, however, to use of the show logo, key art, the design used on the windowcard or the cover of the souvenir book regardless whether such was designed by Taymor.
- 6) Film: To the extent that Hello has control over same, Hello agrees that it will accord Taymor the right of first refusal to direct a film version of the Musical, subject to her good faith negotiation with the appropriate entities. Hello will also cause Sony and the Authors to agree to the same. Taymor acknowledges and agrees that insofar as she is concerned Sony Entertainment, Inc. shall have a right of first negotiation and last refusal regarding a film adaptation of the Musical.
- 7) Approvals: Taymor will have the following approvals (not to be unreasonably withheld) with respect to each production of the Musical directed by her, subject also to the approval of Hello, the Authors and Marvel (where applicable):
  - (a) the entire original cast;
  - (b) replacements of the principal members of the cast;
  - (c) the stage manager;
  - (d) the scenic designer and the designs and models for the sets;
  - (e) if Taymor is not engaged as the costumer designer, then the costume designer and the designs for the costumes;
  - (f) if Taymor is not engaged as the puppet designer, then the puppet designer and the puppet designs, if any;
    - (g) the sound designer and the sound designs:
    - (h) the choreographer;
    - (i) the orchestrator and arrangers;

- (j) the conductor;
- (k) casting agents;
- (1) music supervisor;
- (m) lighting designer;
- (n) assistant director, and all replacements;
- (o) Broadway theater;
- (p) West End Theater; and
- (q) Bookwriter/treatment writer and/or co-bookwriter/co-treatment writer (Glen Berger is hereby approved).

Hello also agrees to accord Taymor approval, not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed, with respect to the show logo and master advertising artwork for the Musical.

The parties will enter into a long form agreement which is within the terms allowed under the Marvel Agreement and which incorporates the above stated terms as well as other terms that are found in director/collaborator agreements, including terms regarding billing, fees and/or advances related to the right of first refusal to direct other first class companies, timing of approvals and expenses.

Agreed and acknowledged:

Hello Entertainment, LLC

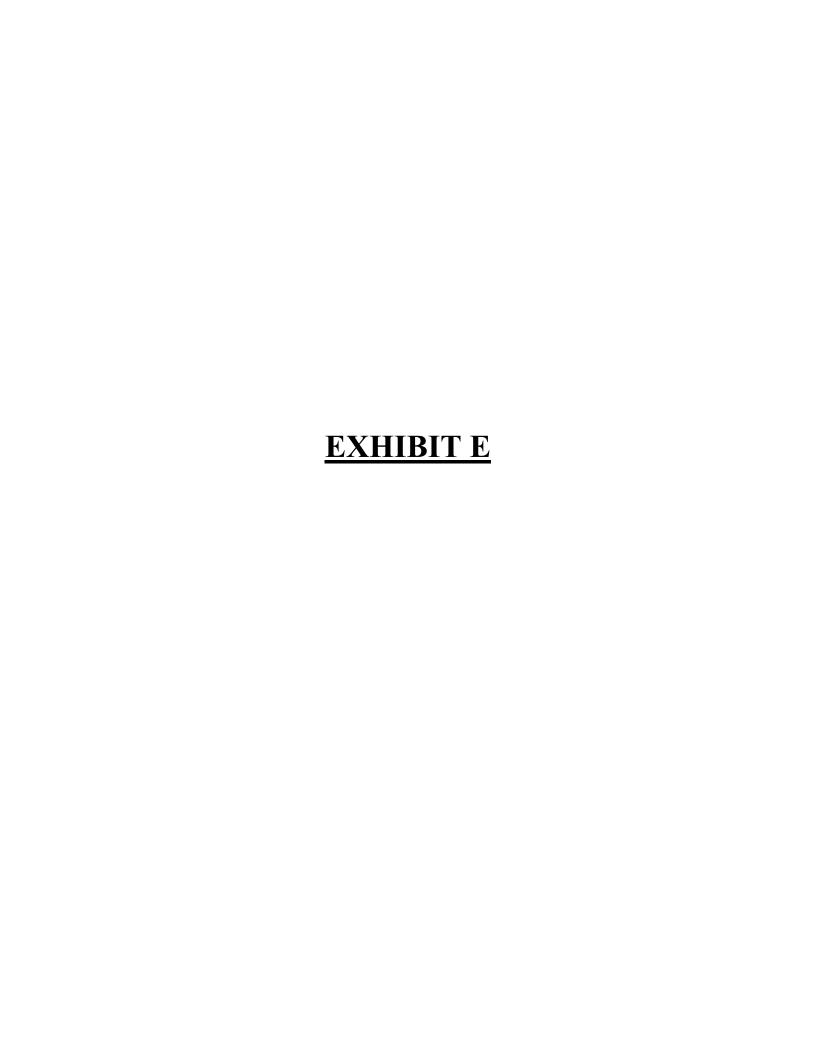
LOH Inc. f/s/o Director/Collaborator

Julie Taymor

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David I. Garfinkle

Tony Adams



#### AMENDMENT

This amendment ("<u>Amendment</u>") is dated as of August <u>24</u>, 2010, by and among 8 Legged Productions, LLC, as successor in interest to Hello Entertainment LLC ("<u>Hello</u>"), LOH, Inc. f/s/o Julie Taymor ("<u>Taymor</u>"), Paul Hewson (professionally known as BONO) ("<u>Bono</u>"), David Evans (professionally known as THE EDGE) ("<u>Edge</u>") and Glen Berger ("Berger").

WHEREAS, Hello and Taymor have entered into that certain signed Director and Co-Writer Agreement dated July 12, 2005 (the "Taymor Agreement");

WHEREAS, Hello on the one hand and Bono and Edge on the other hand, have entered into that certain Signed Composer/Lyricist Agreement dated October 5, 2005 (the "BONO/EDGE Agreement");

WHEREAS, Hello and Berger have entered into that certain Signed Co-Bookwriter Agreement dated June 22, 2005 (the "Berger Agreement");

WHEREAS, Hello on the one hand and Taymor, Bono, Edge and Berger on the other hand, have been negotiating that certain Production Agreement, draft dated as of June 6, 2008 (the "Production Agreement" and together with the Taymor Agreement, the Bono/Edge Agreement and the Berger Agreement, the "Agreements").

WHEREAS, In connection with the production of a live dramatic-musical stage play based on the comic book character known as "Spider-Man" (the "<u>Musical</u>"), the Agreements (including all exhibits, schedules and attachments thereto) contain certain provisions setting forth the royalties for the New York Production of the Musical.

WHEREAS, Prior to the initial opening of the Musical, Hello, as original producer, exhausted the capital raised for the purposes of producing the Musical and was unable to raise additional capital.

WHEREAS, Certain new investors have agreed to contribute additional capital towards the production of the Musical provided that Taymor, Bono, Edge and Berger agree to certain amendments to the royalty payments as provided in the Agreements.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants set forth in this Agreement, the parties, intending to be bound, hereby mutually covenant and agree as follows:

 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Agreements to the contrary, the parties hereto agree to accept in lieu of the royalty payments and profit participation payments set forth in the Agreements (the "Contractual Payments"), their pro rata share of the royalty pool (such pro rata share based on the full contractual royalties of all royalty pool participants), and all deferred royalties, profit participations and other amounts, payable to such parties at the time and in the amounts as set forth in that certain Spider-Man Broadway Royalty and Profit Agreement, dated as of July 28, 2010, attached hereto as Schedule A (the "Restructured Payments"), to the extent the timing and/or amount of the Restructured Payments differ from the timing and/or amount of the Contractual Payments.

Except as expressly modified herein, the Agreements (to the extent they have been executed by the parties hereto) shall remain in full force and effect. This letter agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of New York without regard to principles of conflicts This letter agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, any one of which need not contain the signatures of more than one party, but all of such counterparts together shall constitute one agreement. One or more counterparts of this Agreement may be delivered via telecopier, facsimile, or e-mail (pdf), and they shall have the same effect as an original counterpart hereof. This letter agreement may not be amended, or any provision thereof waived, unless each undersigned party consents thereto. If the foregoing constitutes your understanding of the new Royalty arrangements and Royalty Pool allocations, kindly execute next to your name and this shall be deemed a binding Amendment to all of the aforementioned Agreements.

[Signature page follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed as of the day and year first written above.

		PRODUCTIONS, Tello Entertainment		as
By ma	Goodb	ye Entertainment	LLC,	its

Name Title:

Paul Hewson (professionally known as BONO)	David Evans (professionally known as THE EDGE)
LOH, Inc. f/s/o Julie Taymor	(protestionally known do ), ie eboch
By: Name: 	Glen Berger

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed as of the day and year first written above.

	8 LEGGED PRODUCTIONS, LLC, as successor to Hello Entertainment LLC
	By: Goodbye Entertainment LLC, its manager
	By:
Paul Hewson (professionally known as BONO)	David Evans (professionally known as THE EDGE)
LOH, Inc. f/s/o Julie Taymor  By:	
Name: President	Glen Berger

# Spider-Man Broadway Royalty & Profit Agreement

	28-Jul-10
Royalties while New Eq recoups	20%
Weeks to recoup New Equity at sellout	86
Week # to 150% recoup New Equity at sellout	128
Week # to Recoup Mezzanine Equity at sellout	174
Week # to Recoup Original Equity at sellout	303
Week # to recoup deferred royalties at sellout	273
Royalties deferred & repaid at sellout	\$9,312,849

All weeks calculated from Opening to milestone.

# SPIDER-MAN Broadway

CAPITALIZATION

NEW EQUITY NEW CAPITAL (LOAN)

\$25,000,000 \$5,000,000

NEW CAPITAL (LOAN)
MID EQUITY
ORIGINAL EQUITY

\$5,100,000 \$15,406,000

OPERATING COSTS

\$926,483

# PRE & POST RECOUPMENT PROJECTIONS with Deferred Royalties

HILTON	pre	
Seating Capacity	1,830	1930
Performances Per Week	8	8
Average Ticket Price	\$ 128.85	\$ 129.42

### BOX 1

							Break-Even
Gross Sales as Percentage of Gross Potential			100%	90%	85%	80%	67.3%
RECOUPMENT CAPITAL LOA	AN/NEW EQUITY					-	
Net Weekly Box Office Receipts (NWBOR)	NO PREMIUMS		\$1,705,176	\$1,534,658	\$1,449,399	\$1,364,140	\$1,148,085
EXPENSES U/R (Marvel) share of Net Weekly Box Office I					1		
	8%	> \$1,075,000	\$136,414	\$122,773	\$115,952	\$109,131	\$91,847
Company & Theatre Fixed Expenses			\$926,483	\$926,483	\$926,483	\$926,483	\$926,483
Rent		5%	\$102,311	\$92.079	\$86,964	\$81,848	\$68,885
Sub-Total			\$1,165,208	\$1,141,335	\$1,129,399	\$1,117,463	\$1,087,215
Operating Profit/(Loss) Before Royalties			\$539,968	\$393,323	\$320,000	\$246,678	\$60,870
ROYALTIES	\$33,038 min wkly guar x 2	20.0000%	\$107,994	\$78,665	\$66,076	\$65,076	\$66,076
two times MWG or 20% WOP whichever is greater plus; Merchandising	,	\$8,000 pw (at seliout)	\$8,000	\$7,200	\$6,800	\$6,400	\$5,206
Sub-Total Operating Profit/(Loss) After Roya	lties		\$439,974	\$321,858	\$260,724	\$187,002	\$0
Herrick Share of Operating Profit based on s	eats (repay loan):		\$108,000	\$108,000	\$108,000	\$108,000	\$108,000
Total Operating Profit/(Loss) After Loan repa	yment		\$331,974	\$213,858	\$152,724	\$79,002	
New Eq	uity to Recoup \$25m		\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	1
Preferre	id return @ 15% pa		\$5,441,279 \$30,441,279	\$7,383,259 \$32,383,259	\$7,785,634	\$13,039,433	1
					\$32,785,634	\$38,039,433	ĺ
Weeks t	lo recoup Herrick Loan		69	69	69	69	
	New Equity recouped		23,053,779	14,851,273	10,605,859	5,486,237	
.,	Total Royalties Defer	red	7,499,556	5,462,818	4,300,288	2,263,551	

#### BOX 2

Gross Sales as Percentage of Gross Potential	100%	90%	85%	80%	67.3%		
RECOUPMENT BALANCE OF							
Net Weekly Box Office Receipts (NWBOR)	NO PREMIUMS		\$1,705,176	\$1,534,658	\$1,449,399	\$1,364,140	\$1,148,085
EXPENSES U/R share of Net Weekly Box Office Revenue(	based on contractual sliding scale)						
	8%	> \$1,075,000	\$136,414	\$122,773	\$115,952	\$109,131	\$91,847
Company & Theatre Fixed Expenses			\$926,483	\$926,483	\$926,483	\$926,483	\$926,483
Rent		6%	\$102,311	\$92,079	\$86,964	\$81,848	\$68,885
Sub-Total			\$1,165,208	\$1,141,335	\$1,129,399	\$1,117,463	\$1,087,215
Operating Profit/(Loss) Before Royalties			\$539,968	\$393,323	\$320,000	\$246,678	\$60,870
ROYALTIES two times MWG or 20% WOP whichever is greater	\$33,038 min wkly guar	20.0000%	\$107,994	\$78,665	\$66,076	\$66,076	\$66,076
plus: Merchandising		\$8,000 pw (at seliout)	\$8,000	\$7,200	\$6,800	\$6,400	\$5,206
Total Operating Profit/(Loss) After Royalties			\$439,974	\$321,858	\$260,724	\$187,002	\$0
	ity to Recoup \$25m return @ 15% pa		\$25,000,000 \$5,441,279	\$25,000,000 \$7,383,259	\$7,785,634	\$13,039,433	
			\$30,441,279	\$32,383,259	\$32,785,634	\$38,039,433	1
Weeks to	86	124	155	244	and the state of t		
	Total Royalties Defer	rred	9,312,649	9,747,767	9,568,164	7,937,696	

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Gross Sales as Per	rcentage of Gross I	otential			100%	90%	85%	80%	70.2%
NEW EQUIT	Y TO RECO	UP x 1.5						and a second sec	
Net Weekly Box Of	fice Receipts	NO	PREMIUMS		\$1,705,176	\$1,534,658	\$1,449,399	\$1,364,140	\$1,196,791
8%	from	ceipts (based on contractual slid \$1,075,000	on up		\$136,414	\$122,773	\$115,952	\$109,131	\$95,743
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Goodbye Fee (Gros B/E & JT Fee (Gros				2.0% 1.5%	\$34,104 \$25,578	\$30,693 \$23,020	\$28,988 \$21,741	\$27,283 \$20,462	\$23,936 \$17,952
Company & Theatre	e Fixed Expenses				\$926,483	\$926,483	\$926,483	\$926,483	\$926,483
Rent Sub-Total				6%	\$102,311 \$1,224,889	\$92,079 \$1,195,048	\$86,964 \$1,180,128	\$81,848 \$1,165,208	\$71,807 \$1,135,921
Operating Profit/(Lo	oss) Before Royalti	es			\$480,287	\$339,610	\$269,271	\$198,933	\$60,870
ROYALTIES two times MWG or 40	0% WOP whichever is	\$33,038 min wkly greater	y guar x 2	40.0000%	\$192,115	\$135,844	\$107,709	\$79,573	\$66,076
plus: Merchandisi	ng			\$8,000 pw (at sellout)	\$8,000	\$7,200	\$6,800	\$6,400	\$5,206
Operating Profit/()	Loss) After Royaltie	98			\$296,172	\$210,966	\$168,363	\$125,760	\$0
NEW EQUITY				100.00%	12,500,000 \$42,941,279	12,500,000 \$44,883,259	12,500,000 \$45,285,634	12,500,000 \$50,539,433	
		Weeks to 1.5 recoupment			42	59	74	99	
		TO	AL WEEKS to 1.	5 recoup	128	183	229	343	

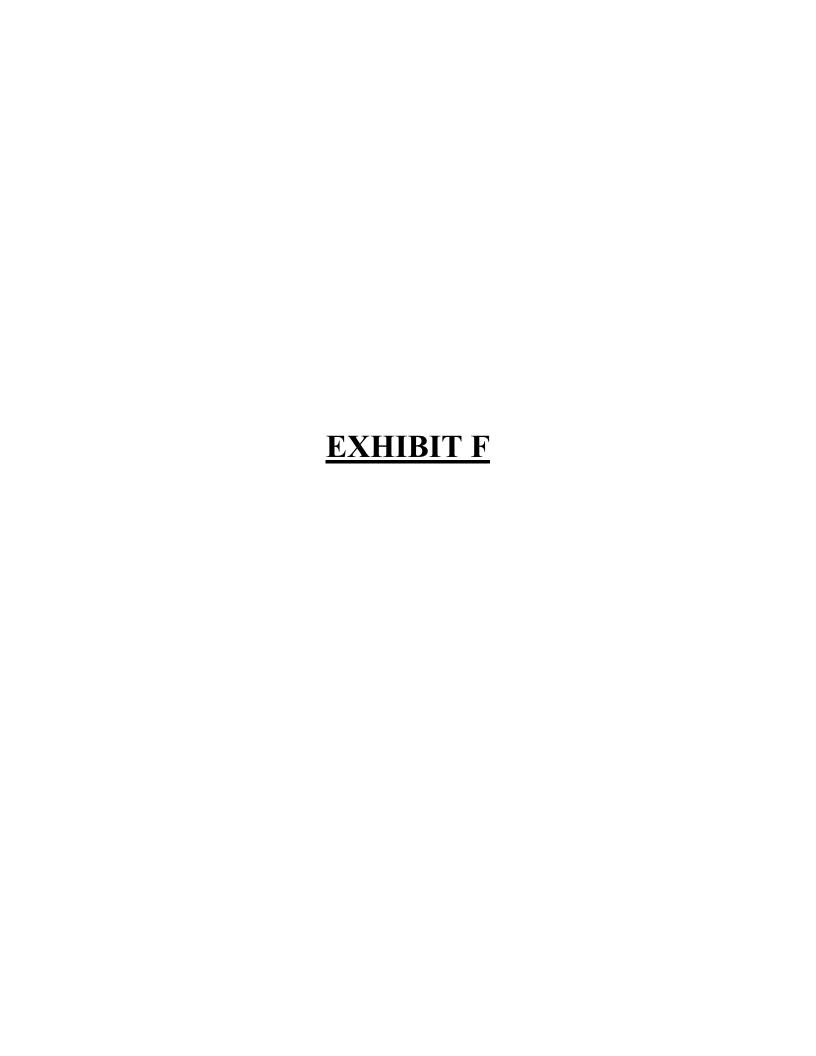
BOX 4

RECOUP DEFERRED ROYALT	TES/ORIGINAL EQU	JITY (PC	ST NEW E	EQUITY)				
								Break-Even
Gross Sales as Percentage of Gross Potential	NO PREMIUMS			100%	90%	85%	80%	65.1%
Net Weekly Box Office Receipts EXPENSES				\$1,806,430	\$1,625,787	\$1,535,466	\$1,445,144	\$1,175,238
8% from \$1 7% from	venue ( based on contractual slidin ,100,000 on ug ,025,000 to < \$950,000 to < \$850,000 to <		\$1,100,000 \$1,025,000 \$950,000	\$162,579 \$0 \$0 \$0	\$146,321 \$0 \$0 \$0	\$138,192 \$0 \$0 \$0	\$130,063 \$0 \$0 \$0	\$105,771 \$0 \$0 \$0
Goodbye Fee (Gross) B/E & JT Fee (Gross)			2.0% 1.5%	\$36,129 \$27,096	\$32,516 \$24,387	\$30,709 \$23,032	\$28,903 \$21,677	\$23,505 \$17,629
Company & Theatre Fixed Expenses				\$926,483	\$926,483	\$926,483	\$926,483	\$926,483
Rent		6%	8%	\$124,514	\$110,063	\$102,837	\$95,612	\$74,019
Sub-Total				\$1,276,801	\$1,239,769	\$1,221,253	\$1,202,738	\$1,147,407
Operating Profit/(Loss) Before Royalties			·	\$529,629	\$386,018	\$314,212	\$242,407	\$27,831
ROYALTIES	\$33,038 min wkly guar		45.7200%	\$242,146	\$176,487	\$143,658	\$110,828	\$33,038
plus Merchandising		\$8,000 f	pw (at seliout)	\$8,000	\$7,200	\$6,800	\$6,400	\$5,206
Operating Profit/Loss after Royalties Creative & Marvel Profit Shares				\$295,483 0	\$216,731 0	\$177,354 0	\$137,978 0	\$0 0
Net Operating Profit /Loss to Investors/Producen	8			\$295,483	\$216,731	\$177,354	\$137,978	\$0
	Mic	New Equity I + Original I Royalties	37.500% 37.500% 25.000% 100.000%	110,806 110,806 73,871	81,274 81,274 54,183	66,508 66,608 44,339	51,742 61,742 34,495	0 0 0
	Weeks to recoup	deffered ro	yalties x 115%	\$10,709,777 145	\$11,209,932 207	\$11,003,389 248	\$9,128,351 265	;
	Mezzanine Equity re Original Equity recou		\$5,100,000 \$15,406,000	46 \$10,964,665	63 \$11,714,897	77 \$11,405,083	99 \$8,592,526	
	Total Weeks Total Weeks from ope		to recoup defroys Mezzanine Equity	273 174	390 246	477 305	608 441	

BOX 5

RECOUP BALANCE OF O	RIGINAL EQUIT	Y (POST DEF	ERRED ROY	ALTIES)			·	. ]
	*							Break-Even
Gross Sales as Percentage of Gross Pote	ential			100%	90%	85%	80%	65.1%
Net Weekly Box Office Receipts EXPENSES	NC	PREMIUMS		\$1,806,430	\$1,625,787	\$1,535,466	\$1,445,144	\$1,175,238
U/R (Marvel) share of Net Weekly Box Of 9% from 8% from 7% from 6% from	ffice Revenue ( based on a \$1,100,000 \$1,025,000 \$950,000 \$850,000	ontractual sliding scale) on up to < to < to < to <	\$1,100,000 \$1,025,000 \$950,000	\$162,579 \$0 \$0 \$0	\$146,321 \$0 \$0 \$0	\$138,192 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0	\$130,0 <del>6</del> 3 \$0 \$0 \$0	\$105,771 \$0 \$0 \$0
Goodbye Fee (Gross) B/E & JT Fee (Gross)			2.0% 1.5%	\$36,129 \$27,096	\$32,516 \$24,387	\$30,709 \$23,032	\$28,903 \$21,677	\$23,505 \$17,629
Company & Theatre Fixed Expenses				\$926,483	\$926,483	\$926,483	\$926,483	\$926,483
Rent		$\epsilon$	5% 8%	\$124,514	\$110,063	\$102,837	\$95,612	\$74,019
Sub-Total				\$1,276,801	\$1,239,769	\$1,221,253	\$1,202,738	\$1,147,407
Operating Profit/(Loss) Before Royalties				\$529,629	\$386,018	\$314,212	\$242,407	\$27,831
ROYALTIES	\$33,038 min wki	y guar	45.7200%	\$242,146	\$176,487	\$143,658	\$110,828	\$33,038
plus Merchandising		\$8,0	00 pw (at sellout)	\$8,000	\$7,200	\$6,800	\$6,400	\$5,206
Operating Profit/Loss after Royalties Creative & Marvel Profit Shares				\$295,483 0	\$216,731 0	\$177,354 0	\$137,978 0	\$0 0
Net Operating Profit /Loss to Investors/Pr	oducers			\$295,483	\$216,731	\$177,354	\$137,978	\$0
		New Equ Origir Defferred Royalti	al 50.000%	147,741 147,741 0	108,365 108,365 0	88,677 88,677 0	68,989 68,989 0	0 0
	Original	Equity recoups		30	34	45	99	
	Tota	al Weeks from opening to	recoup Original Equity	303	424	522	706	:

POST-RECOUP EQUIT	Y + POST RECOUP	DEF ROYS		·				
								Break-Even
Gross Sales as Percentage of Gross	Potential			100%	90%	85%	80%	65.1%
Net Weekly Box Office Receipts EXPENSES	NO F	PREMIUMS		\$1,806,430	\$1,625,787	\$1,535,466	\$1,445,144	\$1,175,239
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Operating Profit/(Loss) Before Royal	ties			\$529,629	\$386,018	\$314,212	\$242,407	\$27,832
ROYALTIES	\$33,038 min wkly	guar	45.7200%	\$242,146	\$176,487	\$143,658	\$110,828	\$33,038
plus Merchandising		\$8,000 pv	v (at sellout)	\$8,000	\$7,200	\$6,800	\$6,400	\$5,206
Operating Profit/Loss after Royalties Creative & Marvel Profit Shares Bonus Royalty Participants Net Operating Profit /Loss to Investo			17.3800% 5.0000%	\$295,483 51,355 14,774 \$229,354	\$216,731 37,668 10,837 \$179,063	\$177,354 30,824 8,868 \$146,530	\$137,978 23,981 6,899 \$113,998	\$0 0 0 \$0
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		New Equity O + M Equity Hello	72,000% 25,000% 3,000%	165,136 57,338 6,881	128,925 44,766 5,372	105,502 36,633 4,396 146,530	82,078 28,499 3,420 113,998	
		— Annual ROI new equity Annual ROI old equity	100.000%	229,354 34.35% 14.54%	179,063 26.82% 11.35%	21.94% 9.29%	17.07% 7.23%	



From:

Lustbader, Aaron [ALustbader@Wasserworld.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, April 13, 2010 6:13 PM

To:

Seth Gelblum

Cc:

Williams, Allan

Subject:

RE: Julie Taymor - Puppet & Mask Designer/SPIDER-MAN

Attachments:

SM Royalties-04.pdf

Dear Seth.

We can agree to the \$20,000 provided it incorporates expenses.

Attached please find the current royalty pool chart. As you'll see, we offered the full royalty contemplated for this area. We are fine to attribute both the royalty and the billing as Mask Design only (rather than incorporating the phrase Puppet Design). There is no room for improvement in this area and you'll see the offer compares quite favorably to the other principal design agreements.

None of the production's designers have a billing trigger with certain types or sized advertising so it does not seem appropriate here.

The bulk of Julie's design work here should be easily replicated for additional companies; we can agree to a full royalty but the fee should be negotiated in good faith with a floor of 50%.

No problem on indemnification and insurance requests.

Please review with Julie and get back to us at your earliest convenience. I understand you are anxious to receive the author/director agreements which are far more pressing than this but at the moment this is all I can provide.

All best, Aaron

Aaron Lustbader AWA Management Services 1650 Broadway, Suite 800 New York, NY 10019 212.307.0800 212.307.5936 fax alustbader@wasserworld.com

**From:** Seth Gelblum [mailto:sgelblum@loeb.com]

Sent: Friday, April 02, 2010 2:19 PM

**To:** Lustbader, Aaron **Cc:** Williams, Allan

Subject: RE: Julie Taymor - Puppet & Mask Designer/SPIDER-MAN

Aaron -

I have set forth below in CAPS Julie's comments on your offer below.

Please also remind the producers and lawyers that I have received nothing more on the authors and director agreements since meeting with the producers on March 18. I was assured at that meeting that I would receive redrafts of those far more important agreements within a week.

Seth Gelblum, Esq. Loeb & Loeb LLP 345 Park Avenue 20th Floor New York, New York 10022 (212)407-4931

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From: Lustbader, Aaron

**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2010 11:48 AM

To: 'Seth Gelblum' Cc: Williams, Allan

Subject: Julie Taymor - Puppet & Mask Designer/SPIDER-MAN

Dear Seth,

Hope this finds you well. Prior to the hiatus, we had prepared an offer for Julie Taymor as Puppet & Mask Designer for SPIDER-MAN: Turn Off The Dark which never made its way to you while the capital was being re-structured. Herewith please find that offer and we welcome any comments you may have:

\$20,000

Fee:

\$10,000 plus reimbursement of expenses

Royalty: 0.375% wnop rising to 0.429% post-recoupment against a MWG of \$500/week (pro rata)

JULIE SHOULD BE RECEIVING A ROYALTY BASED ON GROSS OF 0.375%, AND THE COMPARABLE SHARE OF THE PROFIT POOL. PLEASE SEND ME THE CURRENT POOL CHART.

This royalty would be all inclusive for any creative participants in this area. As we currently understand it, there are no other participants in this royalty. However, since Julie wears multiple hats on the production there could come a time where she requests greater participation from an associate or vendor that elevates them to co-designer. If this were the case, we would need to negotiate in good faith with Julie and this third party to carve out an appropriate piece of the royalty.

THIS ONLY APPLIES TO HER ROYALTY AS MASK DESIGNER; ANY PUPPET DESIGNER MUST BE COMPENSATED INDEPENDENTLY. SHE WILL BE WILLING TO DISCUSS SHARING WITH ANY OTHER MASK DESIGNER.

Billing: Puppet & Mask Designer

# Julie Taymor

### JULIE SHOULD ONLY RECEIVE MASK DESIGN CREDIT, NOT MASK AND PUPPET

Billing would be on title page, house boards, etc but in no paid advertising.

THE CREDIT SHOULD BE IN HALF PAGE ADS OR BIGGER

Additional companies: Negotiated in good faith.

NO - SAME DEAL

House seats and other miscellany covered in Julie's contracts as co-bookwriter and Director.

FINE

PLEASE ALSO PROVIDE THAT SHE WILL BE INDEMNIFIED BY THE COMPANY FROM ANY CLAIMS ARISING FROM THE USE OF THE MASKS, AND THAT HER COVERAGE UNDER THE E & O AND GENERAL LIABILITY POLICIES AS A WRITER AND DIRECTOR WILL ALSO APPLY TO HER SERVICES AS A MASK DESIGNER.

Please review and get back to us at your earliest convenience.

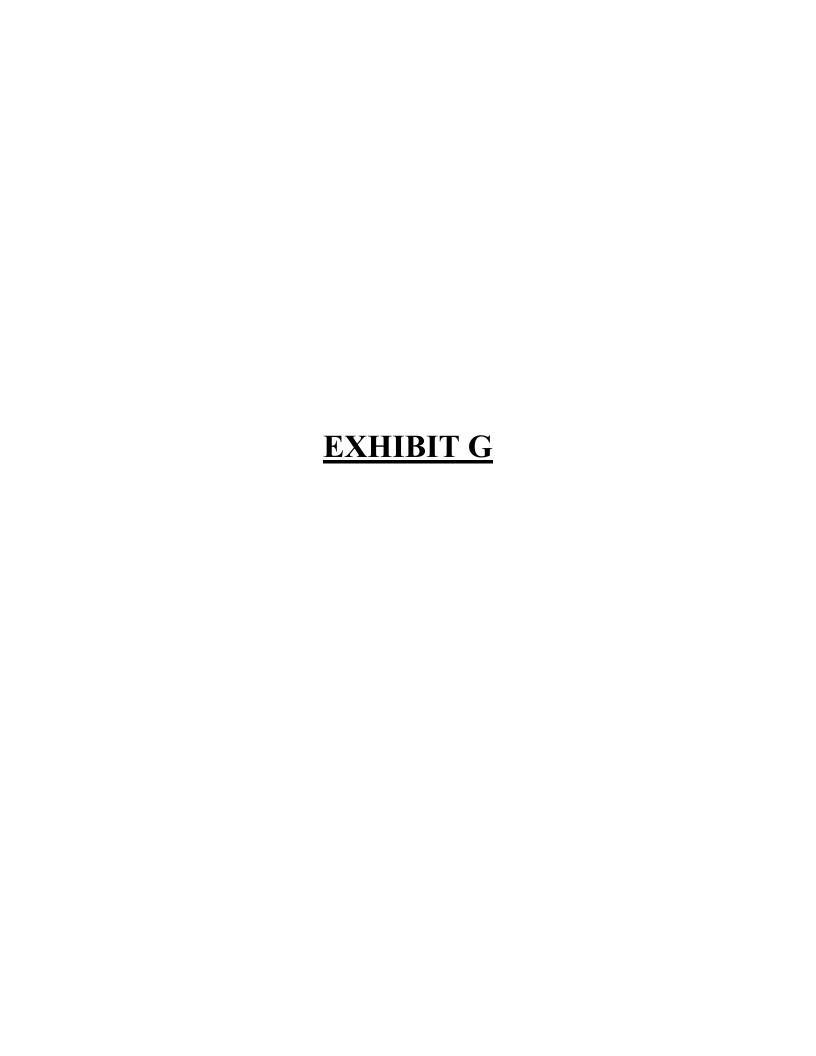
All best, Aaron

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SPIDER-MAN ROYALTIES & PROFIT POOL

		Minimum	Pre-Recoupment Share of	Post-Recoupment Share of
Royalty participant	Name	<u>Weekly</u> Guarantee	Operating Profits Profits	Operating Profits Profits
Authors: Music & Lyrics	Bono & The Edge	\$7,780.00	10.373%	11.857%
Authors: Book	Neil Jordan	\$972.50	1.297%	1.482%
84	Julie Taymor	\$1,458.75	1.945%	2.223%
**	Glen Berger	\$1,458.75	1.945%	2.223%
Collaborator	Julie Taymor	\$1,945.05	2.593%	2.964%
Publicity	Bono & The Edge	\$1,458.84	1.945%	2.223%
Director	Julie Taymor	\$4,875.00	%005'9	7.430%
Choreographer	Danny Ezralow	\$975.00	1.300%	1.486%
Scenic Designer	George Tsypin	\$1,250.00 *	0.750%	0.857%
Costume Designer	Eiko Ishioka	\$1,250.00 *	0.750%	0.857%
Lighting Designer	Donald Holder	\$1,250.00 *	0.750%	0.857%
Sound Designer	Jonathan Deams	\$750.00 *	0.500%	0.572%
Puppet Designer	To be Determined (Estimate)	* 00.00\$	0.375%	0.429%
Orchestrator	David Campbell	* 00.003	0.375%	0.429%
Arranger	David Campbell	\$350.00 *	0.250%	0.286%
Producer	Goodbye Entertainment	\$2,772.24	3.696%	4.225%
Producer	Hello Entertainment	\$1,386.12	1.848%	2.113%
Investors	Various	\$980.25	1.307%	1.493%
Development Royalty	Hello Entertainment	\$1,125.00	1.500%	1.715%
		\$33,037.50	40.000%	45.720%
Royalty Entitlement per One (1) Pool Point	ool Point	\$750.00	1.000%	1.143%

pre-recoupment shares, applicable only to pool participants having one percent (1%) profit entitlement on higher. Minimum guarantees for pool participants having less than one percent (1%) profit entitlement may be disproportionate, but not more than \$1,250.00 per week. (Note: Asterisked [\*] pool participants' Note: Minimum Weekly Guarantees are \$750.00 per one percent (1%) profit entitlement based on Minimum Weekly Guarantees already negotiated.)



# Certificate of Registration



This Certificate issued under the seal of the Copyright Office in accordance with title 17, United States Code, attests that registration has been made for the work identified below. The information on this certificate has been made a part of the Copyright Office records.

Register of Copyrights, United States of America

Registration Number PAu 3-576-391

> Effective date of registration:

October 11, 2011

Title

Title of Work: Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark

Completion/Publication -

Year of Completion: 2011

Author

Author: Julie Taymor

Author Created: text

Work made for hire: No

Citizen of: United States

Author: Glen Berger

Author Created: text

Work made for hire: No

Domiciled in: United States

Copyright claimant ·

Copyright Claimant: Julie Taymor

874 Broadway, New York, NY, 10003, United States

Copyright Claimant: Glen Berger

Limitation of copyright claim

Material excluded from this claim: lyrics, (1) Characters and setting from the Spider-Man comic books; (2) the "Swiss Miss" and "Arachne" characters, comprised of the appearance and/or attributes of such characters as portrayed in the musical; and (3) the "Spiderman/caught" treatment for a play script (copyright registration # PAu002942150).

New material included in claim: text of storyline, scenes, and dialogue and text describing theatrical elements and stage activity

# Certification

Name: Patrick C. Toomey

Date: October 11, 2011

Correspondence: Yes



