

Reimagined Prequel to the Beloved Novel, HEAVENQUEST: A Pilgrim's Progress, Available Today on Digital and VOD Platforms

Independent Film Defies the Odds and Finds Critical Acclaim, Including Being Named One of the 12 Best Christian Movies of 2019

LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, February 4, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Created as an epic reimagined prequel to the beloved novel "The Pilgrim's Progress," standout independent film [HEAVENQUEST: A Pilgrim's Progress](#) releases today on most digital, DVD, and VOD formats.

"This is a project that has exceeded our expectations," shares Director Matt Bilen. "There is always risk involved when you are inspired to bring classic source material to life on film. I have always loved the story of "The Pilgrim's Progress," and was inspired to take a fresh look at the characters and the settings. We also knew we were tackling an epic story with some extreme challenges with extremely limited resources. It's been humbling to see such an incredible, positive response to HEAVENQUEST, and are thrilled that we can now share the story with a wider audience."

Ricky Kim, who not only played the role of Prince Elikai but who served as an Executive Producer, shares, "I am so excited to be a part of the ongoing journey of HEAVENQUEST and to see how it is blessing many people that have watched and have shared the story. HQ's story is so relevant to the modern-day walk of life, trying to find a reason and direction. I hope it will resonate with generations for a long time."

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HEAVENQUEST was released in the fall of 2019 with a limited 48-hour digital sneak preview. Despite its limited release, the film found support from fans and critics like who lauded its strong performances, ambitious production design, and modern inventive take on the classic novel The Pilgrim's Progress. Film honors include being named one of the 12 Best Christian Movies of 2019 by Crosswalk.com, who stated that "HEAVENQUEST is a worthy companion story to the classic novel." Additional reviews of the film stated:

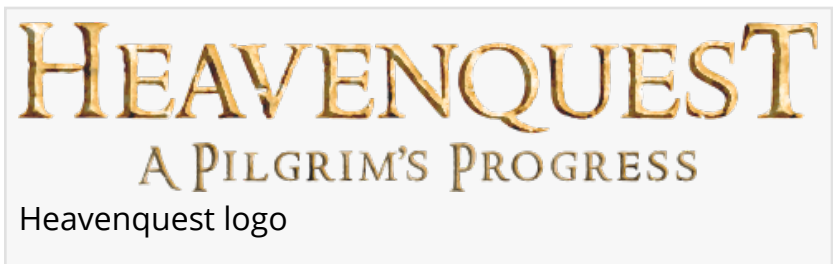
"A beautiful fantasy parallel to John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress" - Dove.org

"Heavenquest has a strong Christian, biblical worldview...the powerful allegory makes the movie



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worth viewing." - Movieguide
"10 minutes into the film, I was hooked...Heavenquest is an inspiring tale" - Crosswalk.com
"The message of love and redemption comes through loud and clear" - Debbie B.
"I was held captive from beginning to end! The fantastical woven into a familiar allegory with powerful elements of TRUTH that is Jesus was awe-inspiring!" - Lavay B.
"I felt the Holy Spirit so strong in certain parts that it had me in tears" - Launi B.
"I specifically liked that the movie didn't just lay everything out for you like I've seen a lot of Christian films do." - Anthony B.
"Their symbolism moved my heart. Powerful" - Daniel H.
"This is definitely a film worth watching again." - Jason H.



HEAVENQUEST is set in a reimagined fantasy universe inspired by the world and characters in John Bunyan's timeless masterpiece "The Pilgrim's Progress." Considered the first English language novel, the book was written in 1678 while Bunyan was in prison for holding religious services. Since its release, "The Pilgrim's Progress" has never been out of print, it has been translated into more than 200 languages, and is considered the second most-read book after the Bible.

The film acts as an origin story, following the character Vangel (The Evangelist in the source material) as he explores an expansive new world ravaged by a war between good and evil. Bilen and the producers faced incredible challenges in filming, yet they were able to create an epic fantasy feature with only a micro-budget of \$250,000 (1/500th the budget of a major studio film), minimal crew, an international cast, extreme outdoor locations, and no final script.

HEAVENQUEST boasts an international cast of actors, including Korean superstars In Pyo Cha ("D-Day", "Sense8") and Ricky Kim ("Law of the Jungle", "Oh! My Baby"); Karyme Lozano ("Tres Mujeres", "El Manantial") and Fernanda Romero (THE EYE, THE BURNING PLAIN) from Mexico, Australia's Peta Sergeant ("Snowfall", "Once Upon a Time in Wonderland"), and American actors Patrick Thompson ("Chicago P.D.", "Living with Frankenstein") and Alan Powell ("Quantico", THE SONG).

To learn more about HEAVENQUEST and watch the film, please see Heavenquestfilm.com.

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