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Hollywood A-list Brighten Future for At-risk Youth
by Honoring the Philanthropy of Actor Bruce Greenwood and Susan Devlin

for The Unusual Suspects Second Annual Benefit
***The Future is Now*- Thursday, May 20th**
at the historic Oviatt Building in Downtown Los Angeles

April 1, 2010, Los Angeles, CA- Actress-Comedian, **Melissa Peterman**, of the “Reba Show” will emcee The Unusual Suspects Theatre Company’s second annual benefit, *The Future is Now*. Celebrities, community leaders and supporters of the award-winning, youth theatre program will celebrate the hard work of honorees Bruce Greenwood and his wife Susan Devlin, Unusual Suspects Program Director Melissa Denton, and an outstanding youth alum. *The Future is Now* will take place at the Cicada Restaurant—located in the historic Oviatt Building in downtown Los Angeles—on Thursday, May 20th with a red carpet reception at 6:30pm followed by a sit-down dinner and presentation.

Proceeds from the event will support the ongoing efforts of The Unusual Suspects Theatre Company, an award-winning, model mentoring program that uses theatre arts to reach underserved youth in the juvenile justice system, foster care, gangs, treatment centers and violence plagued neighborhoods.

- Los Angeles County is the epicenter of gang activity and violence nationwide with more than 1,400 gangs.
- It costs taxpayers \$250,000 a year to incarcerate one youth in the Los Angeles County corrections system compared to only \$11,000 per year to educate one youth.
- Statistics show that nearly all youth that are mentored stay in school, avoid gang participation, and are less likely to use drugs.

“I love this program. The Unusual Suspects has taken kids with no visible future and led them to college, created friends out of enemies and turned gangbangers into teachers.”

--Honoree, Bruce Greenwood

Bruce Greenwood has found time within his busy acting career to support the Unusual Suspects for more than seventeen years. Bruce was last seen in the Paramount Pictures blockbuster “Star Trek” as Captain Christopher Pike opposite Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, and Eric Bana for director J.J. Abrams. He is well known for his outstanding portrayal of President John F. Kennedy in the drama “Thirteen Days” which earned him a Golden Satellite Award for Best Supporting Actor. In July he will appear opposite Steve Carell and Paul Rudd in the comedy “Dinner for Schmucks” for director Jay Roach of

“Meet the Parents” fame. Three movies to come in the fall are “Barney’s Version”, “Meek’s Cutoff” and “Mao’s Last Dancer”.

Host Committee

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Paul C. Hudson (CEO, Broadway Federal)
David Henry Hwang (Pulitzer Prize Nominated Playwright)
Sam Jaeger (Actor, Parenthood)
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Austin Nichols (Actor, One Tree Hill)
Steven Rogers (Screenwriter)
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Additional supporters of The Unusual Suspects include **George Clooney**, Ed Asner, Cindy Crawford, Ed Harris, The Herb Alpert Foundation, City Council Member, Richard Alarcon 7th District, Zev Yaroslavsky, Supervisor, 3rd District, The L.A. County Arts Commission, L.A. Department of Cultural Affairs, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

To purchase tickets or to make a donation: www.theunusualsuspects.org
Or call Frances Carley at 213-488-8488 x. 205

*Born out of the ashes of the 1992 L.A. Riots, **The Unusual Suspects Theatre Company** has grown into an award winning, model mentoring program using theatre arts to reach youth in underserved and at-risk environments, including kids in foster care, violence-plagued neighborhoods, gangs and juvenile corrections facilities. The Unusual Suspects offers two consecutive 10-week (60-80 hours) playwriting and performance workshops where youth develop self-esteem, tolerance, and the communication and coping skills needed to make positive life choices. For more information, visit The Unusual Suspects website at www.TheUnusualSuspects.org.*

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