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**NICK SAGAN SIGNS DEVELOPMENT DEAL WITH SCIENCE CHANNEL,
SON OF THE ICONIC CARL SAGAN SET TO
HOST AND DEVELOP NEW SERIES AND SPECIALS**

(Silver Spring, Md.) -- Science Channel has signed sci-fi writer Nick Sagan, son of famed astrophysicist and television icon Carl Sagan, to an exclusive development deal, Debbie Myers, general manager and executive vice president of programming for Science Channel, announced today. Sagan is represented by Creative Artists Agency.

Sagan will be working closely with Science Channel's production team, hosting and developing new series and specials for the network.

"I'm thrilled to be working with the Science Channel," Nick Sagan said. "A chance to shine a light on the wonder and exciting possibilities of science with such a smart and talented team is a dream come true for me. It's very gratifying to me personally, and it's also a way to honor my family," Sagan added.

"Nick is a gifted storyteller. Growing up with a dad who just so happened to be one of science's brightest minds and television's brightest lights, he is a one-of-a-kind voice from sci-fi to sci fact. This fits exactly into Science Channel's new direction, exploring the unknown and asking the big questions," said Debbie Myers, general manager and executive vice president, programming for Science Channel.

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Sagan has been writing professionally since he was 22, crafting novels, screenplays, teleplays, comic books, animation episodes and computer games. He has worked for a variety of studios and production companies, including Paramount, Warner Brothers, New Line, Universal, Disney, actor/producer Tom Cruise, and director Martin Scorsese. Sagan co-wrote the award-winning computer adventure game, *Zork Nemesis: The Forbidden Lands*. His film credits include adaptations of novels by Orson Scott Card, Ursula K. LeGuin, Pierre Ouellette and Charles Pellegrino. Sagan's television credits include two episodes of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and five episodes of *Star Trek: Voyager*, where he worked as a story editor.

Sagan was also recruited by astronaut Sally Ride to work for SPACE.com as Executive Producer of Entertainment & Games. During his tenure at SPACE.com, he began to formulate a series of science fiction novels, *The Idlewild Trilogy*, which was published by Penguin Putnam and has been translated into several different languages. Sagan then co-wrote *You Call This The Future?* with science writers Andy Walker and Mark Frary, which was hailed by Publishers' Weekly as "a delightful 'expedition in search of the future,' providing clear explanations of today's cutting-edge technologies to find where science fiction has become reality."

About Science Channel

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