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## Exhibition Giant Carmike Cinemas Joins National Association of Theatre Owners

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (April 23, 2003) – Carmike Cinemas, one of the world's largest theatre chains with a fleet of 2,262 U.S. screens, has joined the National Association of Theatre Owners (NATO), it was announced today.

“Michael Patrick’s Carmike team brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the table and NATO welcomes their leadership as we confront the many challenges and examine the many opportunities facing exhibition,” said NATO president John Fithian. “With Michael and his talented staff now part of NATO, the exhibition industry has never stood more united.”

Carmike CEO Michael Patrick stated “Carmike recognizes the many benefits available to us by becoming active members in NATO and we approach this alliance with extreme optimism knowing that as a represented industry we can successfully address any issue before this organization.”

Headquartered in Columbus, Ga., Carmike today ranks among the nation’s three largest cinema chains, with more than 308 cinema sites spread across 35 U.S. states.

“Carmike’s joining with NATO represents an enormous milestone for this association, which now counts among its membership every U.S. cinema chain operating more than 200 screens, except one,” said Fithian.

With Carmike’s membership, NATO – long the world’s largest trade association for cinema owners – now represents 24 of the 25 largest U.S. cinema chains, including Regal Entertainment Group, Cine mark USA, Loews Cineplex Entertainment, National Amusements, Century Theatres, Kerasotes Theatres, Marcus Theatres, Wallace Theatres, Pacific Theatres, Goodrich Quality Theatres, GKC Theatres, Clearview Cinemas, Caribbean Cinemas, Malco Theatres, Harkins Theatres, Muvico Theatres, Consolidated Theatres, Georgia Theatre Company, Signature Theatres, Eastern Federal, Wehrenberg Theatres, Crown Theatres and Mann Theatres -- as well as more than 500 smaller theatre companies throughout the United States and around the world.

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