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own equipment. For example, we use our camera at least eight times a month along with our cyclorama."

Before starting Waterland Productions, the two principals made a name in television by creating and producing a cable and broadcast television show entitled "Adventures Television," which documented various stunts and extraordinary adventures. The show also put the two at odds with the law.

"Two years ago we had a guy parachute from the Golden Gate Bridge," Ptolemy explains. "The show had a lot going for it with big names attached, including Dan Akroyd, when we got in trouble for the bridge jump. We got charged with conspiracy to trespass. We had to hire a lot of attorneys and it cost a lot of money. The host of the show was even asked to appear on the 'Jay Leno Show' and 'Entertainment Tonight.'" According to Ptolemy, other shows included a segment on Big Foot in the Sequoias, which brought the show a lot of press as well.

These days Ptolemy and Hamilton are pursuing television shows of a less controversial fare by developing a wine program called "In the Cellar." It will feature the many vineyards of Napa Valley, Sonoma Valley and elsewhere.

IMAX films are another pursuit. Having had the experience of working on



Director Robert Ptolemy Setting Up Shot for Waterland Productions

these large format films for other production companies, Ptolemy decided to develop his own about the Northern California redwoods. However, Ptolemy plans to put a whole different spin on the way an IMAX film is presented.

"No one has taken the time to produce a truly narrative IMAX film," Ptolemy explains. "I want to create a Disney-like family film that will still appeal to an IMAX audience. We're looking to introduce the classic three act format to IMAX." Ptolemy said the story begins in 1893 in the red woods where a timber baron joins a widowed mother. The film has already generated national and worldwide interest among distributors. *cr*

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many post production bills year after year, and because of a niche in Orange County," Ptolemy says, "we felt there was enough business to purchase our



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