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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
WESTERN DIVISION

CV11-06749 PLA

ZACK WARD,
Plaintiff,
vs.
WARNER BROS. ENTERTAINMENT,
INC. AND ENESCO, LLC,
Defendants.

Case No.: "
**COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION
OF LANHAM ACT,
MISAPPROPRIATION OF
LIKENESS AND THE COMMON
LAW RIGHT TO PRIVACY**

The Plaintiff, by and through his undersigned attorneys, alleges upon knowledge as to himself and his own acts, and as to all other matters upon information and belief, and brings this Complaint against the above-named Defendants, and in support thereof alleges the following:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This action is brought by the Plaintiff, Zack Ward (the "Plaintiff"), the actor who portrayed the character "Scut Farkus" in A CHRISTMAS STORY (Metro-
COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF LANHAM ACT, MISAPPROPRIATION OF LIKENESS
AND THE COMMON LAW RIGHT TO PRIVACY

1 Goldwyn-Mayer 1983) (“A Christmas Story”). The Plaintiff seeks damages
2 against the Defendants for violation of the Lanham Act (15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)),
3 Misappropriation of Likeness (Cal. Civ. Code § 3344) and the Common Law Right
4 to Privacy related to the manufacture and sale of “Scut Farkus and His Toadies”
5 figurines (the “Scut Farkus Figurine”).
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8 JURISDICTION AND VENUE

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10 2. Jurisdiction is conferred on this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332
11 and 1338(a) and (b), and Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act.

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13 3. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the state law causes of
14 action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.

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16 4. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because
17 the Plaintiff resides within this District.

18 PARTIES

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20 5. The Plaintiff, Zack Ward, is an individual residing Los Angeles
21 County, California.

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23 6. The Defendant, Warner Bros. Entertainment, Inc. (“Warner Bros.”) is
24 a California corporation with a principal place of business located at 4000 Warner
25 Boulevard, Burbank, California 91522.

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27 7. The Defendant, Enesco, LLC (“Enesco”), is an Illinois limited
28 liability company with a principal place of business located at 225 Windsor Dr.,

1 Itasca, Illinois 60143.

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3 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

4 8. The Plaintiff is a professional actor who portrayed the character Scut
5 Farkus in A CHRISTMAS STORY (the "Movie") and has been a member of the
6 Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists ("ACTRA") since
7 childhood. ACTRA is a Canadian labor union representing performers in English-
8 language media.
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11 9. On or about January 10, 1983, the Plaintiff entered into a standard
12 ACTRA agreement with Christmas Tree Films, Inc. to play the character Scut
13 Farkus in the Movie (the "ACTRA Agreement").
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15 10. The ACTRA Agreement contained a rider which was silent as to the
16 rights to use the Plaintiff's likeness for purposes of producing consumer
17 merchandise related to the Movie.
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19 11. However, the agreements that Christmas Tree Films entered into with
20 every other actor/actress who played a major character in the Movie contained a
21 merchandising rider that allowed Christmas Tree Films to use the actor or
22 actresses' likeness for the purpose of producing consumer merchandise.
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25 12. Because of the difference in the Plaintiff's ACTRA Agreement rider,
26 the Plaintiff is the only major character who retained the rights to license his
27 likeness.
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1 13. Since the theatrical release, the Movie has become increasingly
2 popular, and its annual televised broadcasts attract millions of viewers.
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4 14. Based upon information and belief, Warner Bros. and Enesco entered
5 into a product license agreement whereby Enesco was permitted to manufacture
6 the "Scut Farkus Figurine."
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8 15. Warner Bros. knew that it did not own the rights to use or license the
9 Plaintiff's likeness for purposes of producing consumer merchandise.
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11 16. Based upon information and belief, Enesco knew that Warner Bros.
12 did not own the rights to use or license the Plaintiff's likeness for purposes of
13 producing consumer merchandise.
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15 17. Despite the fact that Warner Bros. and Enesco knew that Warner
16 Bros. did not own the rights to license the Plaintiff's likeness for purposes of
17 producing consumer merchandise, Warner Bros. and Enesco entered into a product
18 license agreement.
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21 18. Based upon information and belief, Enesco provided Warner Bros.
22 with a prototype of the Scut Farkus Figurine prior to its manufacture and sale.
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24 19. Based upon information and belief, Warner Bros. approved the
25 prototype for manufacture and sale by Enesco.
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27 20. The Plaintiff was not consulted about using his likeness for purposes
28 of producing the Scut Farkus Figurine and did not agree to license his likeness.

1 21. In November, 2010, the Plaintiff became aware of the existence of the
2 Scut Farkus Figurine.

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4 22. On November 30, 2010, the Plaintiff sent Enesco a letter regarding the
5 use of his image on the Scut Farkus Figurine.

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7 23. On December 13, 2010, Warner Bros. responded to the Plaintiff's
8 letter and denied that the Scut Farkus Figurine was based on the Plaintiff's
9 likeness.

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11 24. Specifically, Warner Bros. stated that: If you have seen the item in
12 question, you will note that it does not bear the likeness of Mr. Ward. Although the
13 hat, sweater, jacket and boots are similar to those worn by Mr. Ward in the Picture,
14 the face of the character is not Mr. Ward's face.

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16 25. Despite what Warner Bros. claims, the Scut Farkus Figurine is the
17 Plaintiff's likeness.

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19 26. Therefore, the Plaintiff is entitled to monetary damages in an amount
20 to be determined at trial as well as equitable relief enjoining the Defendants from
21 manufacturing and/or selling Scut Farkus Figurine.
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CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I
FALSE DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN
(The Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a))

27. The Plaintiff repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as though they were fully set forth herein.

28. 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a) provides, in pertinent part, “[a]ny person who, on or in connection with any goods or services...uses in commerce any word, term, name, symbol, or device, or any combination thereof...which is likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive as to the affiliation, connection, or association of such person with another person...or approval of his or her goods, services, or commercial activities by another person...shall be liable in a civil action by any person who believes that he or she is or is likely to be damaged by such act.”

29. The Defendants used, and continue to use, the Plaintiff’s likeness in a false or misleading way that is likely to cause confusion, mistake and/or deceive as to the Plaintiff’s affiliation with the Scut Farkus Figurine, Warner Bros. and Enesco.

30. The Defendants used, and continue to use, the Plaintiff’s likeness without the Plaintiff’s consent and with reckless disregard for the Plaintiff’s rights.

31. The Defendants’ actions constitute a violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a).

1 32. As a result of the Defendants' conduct, the Plaintiff is entitled to
2 monetary damages in an amount to be determined at trial as well as an order
3 enjoining the Defendants from manufacturing and/or selling any products using the
4 Plaintiff's likeness without the Plaintiff's consent.
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7 **COUNT II**
8 **MISAPPROPRIATION OF LIKENESS**
9 **(Cal. Civ. Code § 3344)**

10 33. The Plaintiff repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth
11 above as though they were fully set forth herein.
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13 34. Cal. Civ. Code § 3344 states in pertinent part: "[a]ny person who
14 knowingly uses another's...likeness, in any manner on or in products, merchandise,
15 or goods... without such person's prior consent...shall be liable for any damages
16 sustained by the person or persons injured as a result thereof..."
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18 35. The Defendants knowingly used, and continue to use, the Plaintiff's
19 likeness for the purpose of selling the Scut Farkus Figurine without the Plaintiff's
20 consent.
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22 36. As a result of the Defendants' conduct, the Plaintiff is entitled to
23 monetary damages in an amount to be determined at trial as well as an order
24 enjoining the Defendants from manufacturing and/or selling any products using the
25 Plaintiff's likeness without the Plaintiff's consent.
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COUNT III
COMMON LAW RIGHT TO PUBLICITY

37. The Plaintiff repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as though they were fully set forth herein.

38. The Defendants knowingly used, and continue to use, the Plaintiff's likeness for their commercial advantage.

39. The Defendants knowingly used, and continue to use, the Plaintiff's likeness without the Plaintiff's consent.

40. As a result of the Defendants' conduct, the Plaintiff is entitled to monetary damages in an amount to be determined at trial as well as an order enjoining the Defendants from manufacturing and/or selling any products using the Plaintiff's likeness without the Plaintiff's consent.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment against the Defendants as follows:

1. Enjoin, restrain and prohibit the Defendants, their agents, servants, employees, officers, directors, successor and assigns, and all persons, firms and corporations acting in concert or participation with the Defendants or on the Defendants' behalf, from using the Plaintiff's likeness to produce, manufacture, license, sell, promote and/or ship any Scut Farkus Figurines;
2. Order the Defendants to destroy all Scut Farkus Figurines in the Defendants' possession and/or control;
3. Award the Plaintiff actual damages in an amount to be determined at trial;

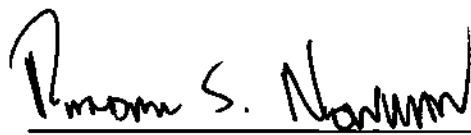
4. Award the Plaintiff the Defendants' profits which are attributable to the sale of the Scut Farkus Figurines;
5. Award the Plaintiff punitive damages pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1709, 1710, and 3344 by reason of Defendants' deceptive acts and continued unauthorized use of the Plaintiff's likeness;
6. Award the Plaintiff costs and reasonable attorney's fees; and
7. Award the Plaintiff such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury.

Dated: August 16, 2011

Respectfully submitted,
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SUMMONS

DEFENDANT(S).

TO: DEFENDANT(S): WARNER BROS. ENTERTAINMENT, INC. AND ENESCO, LLC

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it), you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint _____ amended complaint counterclaim cross-claim or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff's attorney, RANDALL S. NEWMAN, P.C., whose address is 37 WALL STREET, PH D, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10005. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

AUG 16 2011

Clerk, U.S. District Court

Dated: _____

By: JULIE PRADO 

Deputy Clerk

(Seal of the Court)

[Use 60 days if the defendant is the United States or a United States agency, or is an officer or employee of the United States. Allowed 60 days by Rule 12(a)(3)].

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I (a) PLAINTIFFS (Check box if you are representing yourself <input type="checkbox"/>) ZACK WARD	DEFENDANTS WARNER BROS. ENTERTAINMENT, INC. AND ENESCO, LLC
(b) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number. If you are representing yourself, provide same.) RANDALL S. NEWMAN, P.C. (Cal. Bar No. 190547) 37 WALL ST., PENTHOUSE D NEW YORK, NY 10005 Tel: (212) 797-3737	Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an X in one box only.) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)	III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES - For Diversity Cases Only (Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant.) <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:30%;">Citizen of This State</td> <td style="width:10%;">PTF</td> <td style="width:10%;">DEF</td> <td style="width:30%;">Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State</td> <td style="width:10%;">PTF</td> <td style="width:10%;">DEF</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen of Another State</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td>Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td>Foreign Nation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> </tr> </table>	Citizen of This State	PTF	DEF	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State	PTF	DEF		<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1		<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	Citizen of Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
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V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND: Yes No (Check 'Yes' only if demanded in complaint.)

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VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)

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Civil cases are deemed related if a previously filed case and the present case:

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 B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or
 C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges; or
 D. Involve the same patent, trademark or copyright, and one of the factors identified above in a, b or c also is present.

IX. VENUE: (When completing the following information, use an additional sheet if necessary.)

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X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PRO PER): Thomas S. Nowlin Date 8/16/11

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