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Vermont Landmark Featured in New Star Trek Movie

ROCK OF AGES' SMITH QUARRY GOES TREKKIE

When scouts from *Paramount* needed a sheer cliff to add drama to the exciting car chase scene in the new *Star Trek* movie, where did they look? Not on Vulcan, not on Romulus or even on the Klingon home world. No they found what they needed right here in Vermont at the cavernous Rock of Ages' Smith Quarry in Barre Town. The highly anticipated "Star Trek" movie, produced by *Paramount Pictures*, is scheduled to beam into theaters and IMAX® on May 8, 2009. Rock of Ages Corporation is pleased to announce that a sneak preview of Vermont's contribution to the latest *Star Trek* saga may be viewed online by selecting "Trailer 2" on the www.startrekmovie.com site.

"Star Trek" is one of the world's most successful science fiction entertainment series and media franchises. The "Star Trek" phenomenon has led to six television series, ten feature films, dozens of computer and video games, scores of science fiction novels, as well as a themed attraction in Las Vegas.

In May 2008 a location scout from *Paramount Pictures* and a camera-man working on behalf of George Lucas' *Industrial Light & Magic* spent an entire day at Rock of Ages' Smith Quarry capturing video and photography, using a helicopter for aerial images. At the time of production Rock of Ages was not privy to the title of the movie but was aware the footage would be digitally inserted to serve as the backdrop for a chase scene in a *Paramount* film being released in the summer of 2009.

"We're very excited to be a part of this worldwide phenomenon. We, along with the millions of dedicated fans, have been eagerly anticipating the release since production began," said Todd Paton, Director of Tourism and Visitor Services, Rock of Ages Corporation. "The trailers look absolutely breathtaking; I can't wait to see the visuals on the big screen as well as the IMAX® experience."

Anticipation is already building for the release of the latest "Star Trek" storyline and now *Paramount* has revealed that a sequel is in the works.

Check here to find out if your local theater offers *Star Trek*:



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Caption (left to right): Giles Hancock, photographer *Industrial Light & Magic*; Joe Brigham, helicopter pilot; Tommy Harper, *Paramount* location scout