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#### STAR WARS IV: ROCK & ROLL INSPIRED

After wrapping up work on INDIANA JONES AND THE TEMPLE OF DOOM, director Steven Spielberg and producer Frank Marshall began scouting locations for the next installment of George Lucas' STAR WARS saga, which Spielberg will direct.

Filming begins this September in Hollywood, a shift from the series' traditional production base at London's Pinewood Studios. Lucasfilm producer Howard Kazanjian is said to have insisted on the move for the film, to be titled either THE OLD REPUBLIC or THE CLONE WARS. Effects will feature ILM's version of the kind of computer-animated spaceships developed first by rival expert John Whitney, Jr., on view now in Universal's THE LAST STARFIGHTER.

Lucas was widely quoted when RETURN OF THE JEDI was released last year that he would swear off involvement with the series to take a much-needed rest. Rock star Linda Ronstadt is said to have rekindled Lucas' interest in STAR WARS. The couple has been linked romantically in the press. Ronstadt starred in Universal's version of THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE last year. When asked whether Ronstadt would appear in the new STAR WARS film or provide songs, sources close to Lucasfilm smiled broadly, but kept mum.

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BTW, this issue of CINEFANTASTIQUE has 32 pages worth of material on the forthcoming DUNE film. One might be dubious about the fact that it's a "diary" of the production written by Paul Sammon, the publicist for the film (if any of you saw a presentation of the film at an sf convention, it was most likely Sammon doing it), but it's information presented is worthwhile, and it's chock full of nice production photos. So, if you want to see the designs for the Guild Navigators, or an H.R. Giger (ALIEN) painting of a sandworm for the aborted Jodorowsky DUNE production, this is where to go. It's an expensive magazine (this double-sized issue, 112 pages, costs \$8.95), but if you're really interested in sf/fantasy films, it's worth it.

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When I heard that this rumor had started at Cinefantastique, I discounted it immediately. This publication has an unaccountable grudge against Lucasfilm, and anything they say is suspect. Nevertheless, I checked the rumor out with two independent sources at Lucasfilm. While neither source is an ultimate authority (i.e. not George or Steven), both were people in positions where I would expect them to have definitive knowledge. Both sources denied any knowledge of any planned SW production. Neither could state certainly that a production would not be undertaken in the future, but for the moment it appears that nothing is in the works. (Note that neither source said that no SW movie was in the works, only that they knew of none. Presumably this doesn't include the already announced Ewok TV movie, due for broadcast in November.)