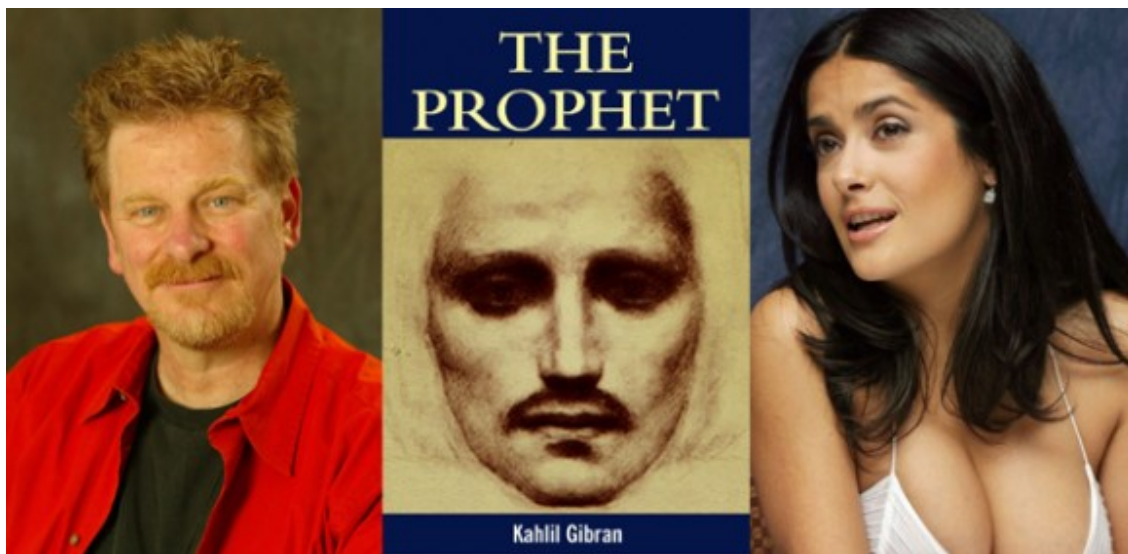




“Lion King” Director Roger Allers and Salma Hayek Push Forward on “The Prophet”

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Roger Allers, the co-director of Disney’s *The Lion King* is moving forward with his production of Kahlil Gibran’s classic 1923 poetry book *The Prophet*. Casting updates were reported earlier this week by *Deadline Hollywood*. The film’s animated segments will be produced by Joan Gratz (*Mona Lisa Descending A Staircase*), Joann Sfar (*The Rabbi’s Cat*), Paul and Gaetan Brizzi (*Fantasia 2000*), Michal Socha (*Chick*) and Mohammed Harib (*Freej*), who have been added to the already announced directors Tomm Moore (*The Secret of Kells*), Nina Paley (*Sita Sings The Blues*) and Bill Plympton (*Guard Dog*). Also, Liam Neeson, John Krasinski, Frank Langella, Alfred Molina and Quvenzhané Wallis have all signed as voice talent, along with Hayek.

While Allers will be in charge of the film’s central narrative and supervise the film as a whole, the above-mentioned directors will helm individual chapters within the storyline. The animated film is set to be completed in spring 2014.

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