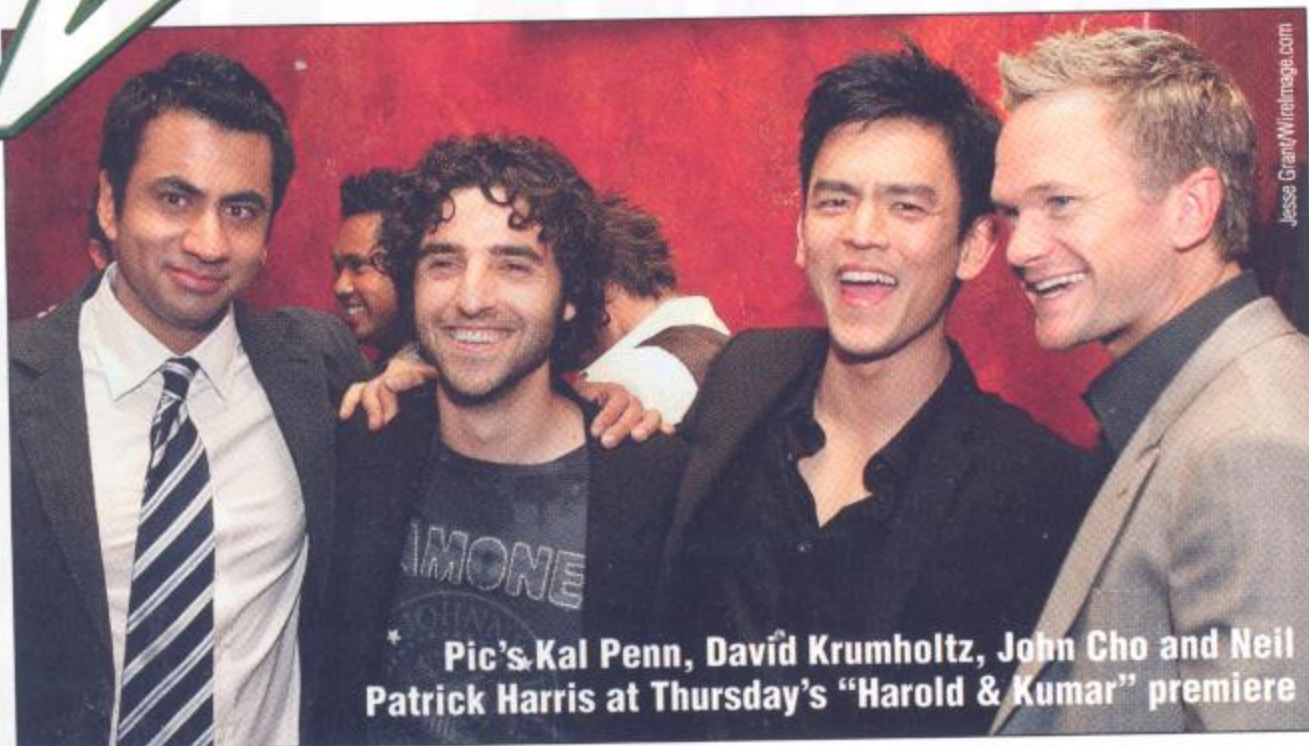


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\* Pic's Kal Penn, David Krumholtz, John Cho and Neil Patrick Harris at Thursday's "Harold & Kumar" premiere



Rob Corddry and Eric Winter at the Green Door after-party in Hollywood

# NO ESCAPING 'KUMAR'

By DAVE McNARY

**K**umar's OK with no longer being Kumar. So said **Kal Penn** after Thursday's preem of New Line's "Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay" at the ArcLight. "I really love the character, but I don't know if I'd do it again," Penn admitted during the after-party at Green Door. "I'm getting a little old for it, and I really want to show that I can do a whole diversity of roles."

Still, he admits the fate of Harold and Kumar lies with the duo's fans. "If the film does really well, I'm sure that I'd be interested in coming back," he said.

New Line production chief **Richard Brener** said a third H&K film wouldn't be out of the question, then added quickly, "Of course, we're going to sweep the Oscars."

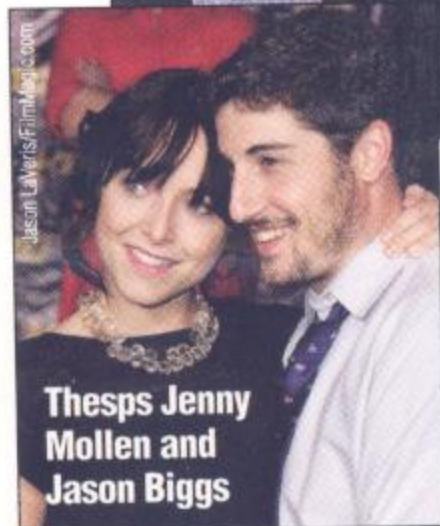
Preem attendees included pic's writer-director team of **Jon Hurwitz** and **Hayden Schlossberg**; New Line's **Toby Emmerich**; and Warner Bros.' **Sue Kroll**.



Helmers Jon Hurwitz and Hayden Schlossberg with Mandate Pictures prexy Nathan Kahane at the ArcLight premiere



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