



ORION PICTURES AND SAMUEL GOLDWYN FILMS RUN WITH TRACKTOWN

LOS ANGELES (Date) – Orion Pictures and Samuel Goldwyn Films have acquired the worldwide rights to TRACKTOWN, the feature film debut for Alexi Pappas (*Speed Goggles, Tall as the Baobab Tree*) and Jeremy Teicher (*Speed Goggles, Tall as the Baobab Tree*), who co-wrote and co-directed the coming-of-age dramatic comedy. The film, which had its world premiere at the 2016 Los Angeles Film Festival, stars Pappas, Chase Offerle (*Thumbsucker*) with Rachel Dratch (*Saturday Night Live*) and Andy Buckley (*Brides Maids*). TRACKTOWN will be released in select theaters, and On Demand nationwide on May 12.

TRACKTOWN follows famed, but lonely distance runner Plumb Marigold (Pappas), as she prepares for the biggest race of her life: the Olympic Trials. Temporarily sidelined by an injury, Plumb wanders into a bakery and catches the eye of an aimless boy (Offerle) working behind the counter .

TRACKTOWN features several real-life Olympic athletes, including Pappas who is an Olympic distance runner and Greek national record holder.

“When I saw the film, I was captured by the unique blend of athletics and storytelling,” says Peter Goldwyn, President of Samuel Goldwyn Films. “Alexi’s knowledge of the running world, along with co-director Jeremy’s keen eye towards filmmaking, brings a freshness to the film that I enjoyed. It’s important to support a female coming of age story that connects with the audience.”

"Tracktown draws from my experiences and observations as an Olympic athlete. I'm very excited to tell this story about elite athletics from the female point-of-view," said Pappas.

Teicher continues, "Filming on location using actual Olympic athletes as actors was an incredible experience, and the authenticity really comes across on screen. But to Alexi and me, the film is about more than just running, it's about a young woman figuring out what she is willing to sacrifice to pursue her dreams."

The film was produced by Laura Wagner, Pappas, Teicher, Jay Smith; executive produced by John Legere, Chris Bender, Jon and Terri Anderson, Cassandra Siegel, Stephen Siegel, Dan Giustina, Todd Remis and Robert Campbell. TRACKTOWN, a BunkhouseFilm, is presented by

Bay Bridge Productions and Jay Smith Productions in association with W+K Entertainment, Joint, Salem Street Entertainment and Good Wizard.

The deal was negotiated by Samuel Goldwyn Films' President Peter Goldwyn and Zac Bright of Preferred Content on behalf of the filmmakers.

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ABOUT SAMUEL GOLDWYN FILMS

Samuel Goldwyn Films is a major, independently owned and operated motion-picture company that develops, produces and distributes innovative feature films and documentaries.

The company is dedicated to working with both world-renowned and emerging writers/filmmakers and committed to filmed entertainment that offers original voices in uniquely told stories. This is best exemplified by the Academy Award® nominated THE SQUID AND THE WHALE and SUPER SIZE ME, AMAZING GRACE and Julie Delpy's hit comedy 2 DAYS IN PARIS. Past Goldwyn titles include: HARRY BROWN starring Michael Caine, the box office smash FIREPROOF and the 2010 independent hit MAO'S LAST DANCER. Samuel Goldwyn Films also released THE WHISTLEBLOWER, a powerful, ripped-from-the-headlines thriller starring Academy Award® winner Rachel Weisz, and the 2012 critics' darling ROBOT & FRANK, starring Academy Award® nominee Frank Langella and Academy Award® winner Susan Sarandon.

Additional Samuel Goldwyn Films releases include: Gilles Bourdos' RENOIR, the lush film about the famous painter's later years and France's official submission for the 2014 Academy Awards®; Jason Wise's films SOMM & SOMM: Into the Bottle; 2015 Academy Foreign Language Film Award® nominee TANGERINES; the Israeli dark comedy THE FAREWELL PARTY; the Sundance cult-hit LILA AND EVE starring Academy Award® winner Viola Davis and Jennifer Lopez; Damon Gameau's eye-opening THAT SUGAR FILM which takes on the sugar industry; and Morgan Matthews compelling drama A BRILLIANT YOUNG MIND. Current Samuel Goldwyn Films releases include: festival favorite CHICKEN PEOPLE, directed by Nicole Lucas Haimés about three show chicken competitors; TRANSPECOS, the directorial debut and 2016 SXSW Audience Award Winner by Greg Kwedar; Ian Old's award-winning BURN COUNTRY with Academy Award® winner Melissa Leo, James Franco and breakout lead Dominic Rains; Carles Torrens' physiological thriller PET starring Dominic Monaghan; and YOUTH IN OREGON, the dramatic comedy of a 3,000 mile journey about life with Academy Award® nominated Frank Langella, Billy Crudup, Christina Applegate, Mary Kay Place, and Josh Lucas. Upcoming films include the contemporary fairy tale THIS BEAUTIFUL FANTASTIC starring Jessica Brown Findlay, Academy Award® nominated Tom Wilkinson, Andrew Scott, and Jeremy Irvine; and Avi Nesher's Israeli box office hit PAST LIFE.

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