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SAMUEL GOLDWYN FILMS ACQUIRES NORTH AMERICAN RIGHTS TO ERIK POPPE'S *THE KING'S CHOICE*

The Untold Story of The King of Norway's Stand Against the Nazis

Los Angeles, CA (May 11, 2017) – Samuel Goldwyn Films announced today that the company has acquired North American rights to Erik Poppe's ***THE KING'S CHOICE***. The film stars Jesper Christensen (*Spectre*), Anders Baasmo Christiansen (*In Order of Disappearance*), Karl Markovics (*Unknown*), Tuva Novotny (*Framing Mom*), Arthur Hakalahti (*The Light that I Feel*), and Katharina Schüttler (*13 Minutes*). The film is slated for a theatrical release in August 2017.

THE KING'S CHOICE is based on the true story about three dramatic days in April 1940, where the King of Norway is presented with an unimaginable ultimatum from the German armed forces: surrender or die. With Nazi soldiers hunting after them, the Royal Family is forced to flee the capital. In the best interest of the family, the Crown Princess Märtha leaves Norway with the children to seek refuge in Sweden, whilst King Haakon and the Crown Prince Olav flee to a small farming area just outside Elverum and meet the Germans head on. After three days of desperately trying to evade the Germans, King Haakon makes his final decision. He refuses to capitulate, even if it may cost him, his family and many Norwegians their lives.

Peter Goldwyn, President of Samuel Goldwyn Film says, "THE KING'S CHOICE exemplifies the bravery of men standing against tyranny in this truly inspiring historic epic shedding light on a defining, and often unremarked, moment in history."

THE KING'S CHOICE is directed by Erik Poppe and written by Jan Trygve Røyne and Harald Rosenløw Eeg. The film is produced by Finn Gjerdrum and Stein B. Kvae of Paradox Film 1 AS. The film was co-produced by Nordisk Film Production, Newgrange Pictures, Film Väst and Copenhagen Film Fund og Zentropa International Sweden.

The deal was negotiated by Peter Goldwyn of Samuel Goldwyn Films and Dirk Schurhoff of Beta Film GmbH on behalf of the filmmakers.

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; 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; and the contemporary fairy tale THIS BEAUTIFUL FANTASTIC starring Jessica Brown Findlay, Academy Award® nominated Tom Wilkinson, Andrew Scott, and Jeremy Irvine. Upcoming films include Avi Nesher's Israeli box office hit PAST LIFE; Justin Chon's racially charged GOOK; and the British children's classic SWALLOWS AND AMAZONS.

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