



## ORION PICTURES AND SAMUEL GOLDWYN FILMS ACQUIRE NORTH AMERICAN RIGHTS TO ANTHONY ONAH'S 'THE PRICE'

**Los Angeles – July 12, 2017** — Orion Pictures and Samuel Goldwyn Films announced today they have secured the North American rights to first-time filmmaker Anthony Onah's drama **THE PRICE** (originally DARA JU), based on his short film DARA JU. The film premiered in competition at the 2017 SXSW Film Festival and was nominated for the SXSW Grand Jury Award. It stars Aml Ameen (*THE MAZE RUNNER*), Lucy Griffiths ("Preacher"), Bill Sage ("Hap and Leonard"), Hope Olaide Wilson (*I CAN DO BAD ALL BY MYSELF*), Michael Hyatt (*NIGHTCRAWLER*), Peter Vack (*THE INTERN*), and Souléymané Sy Savané (*KEEP THE LIGHTS ON*).

Seyi, a bright young Nigerian-American working on Wall Street, must navigate complicated family expectations, a turbulent romantic relationship, and a system of cultural complexities caused by class and race. With a dying father, a burgeoning romance with a white girlfriend, and dangerous new business opportunities, his life is in a delicate balance. When his ambition drives Seyi to morally dubious waters, secrets threaten to erupt and shatter his world. He must confront himself and decisions he has made, facing the crimes of the past in a desperate attempt to salvage the present.

"We are very excited to be working on Anthony Onah's feature debut. **THE PRICE** is a look into Nigerian-Americans chasing the American dream which is a story not often seen in film," says Peter Goldwyn, President of Samuel Goldwyn Films.

"I am thrilled to have my first feature film, a deeply personal one, released by Orion Pictures and Samuel Goldwyn Films. I am proud that this film will join their storied legacies. Having emigrated from Nigeria to the U.S. as a young child, it was important for me to show a different perspective of American life in **THE PRICE**." says Onah.

**THE PRICE** was written and directed by Anthony Onah. The film is produced by Justin Begnaud, Kishori Rajan, Anthony Onah. Executive producers are Tom Dolby, Susanne Filkins, Abdi Nazemian, Lynda Weinman, Jennifer 8. Lee, Greg Brockman, Peter Hess Friedland, Aston Motes, Daniel Davila.

The deal was negotiated by Peter Goldwyn on behalf of Samuel Goldwyn Films and Adam Galen and Kevin Iwashina of Preferred Content on behalf of the filmmakers.

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### About Orion

Orion, an arm of MGM, is focused on distributing films across multiple platforms.

### **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, 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 Sundance cult-hit LILA AND EVE starring Academy Award® winner Viola Davis and Jennifer Lopez; 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; TRANSPICOS, 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; and Avi Nesher's Israeli box office hit PAST LIFE. 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. [www.samuelgoldwynfilms.com](http://www.samuelgoldwynfilms.com)

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