

## ORION PICTURES AND SAMUEL GOLDWYN FILMS ACQUIRE U.S. RIGHTS TO JENNA MATTISON'S THRILLER 'THE SOUND'

**Los Angeles – July 26, 2017** — Orion Pictures and Samuel Goldwyn Films have secured the U.S. rights to Jenna Mattison's directorial debut **THE SOUND**. The thriller stars Rose McGowan (GRINDHOUSE, "Charmed"), Christopher Lloyd (BACK TO THE FUTURE trilogy), Michael Eklund (WATCHMEN, THE CALL), Richard Gunn (Netflix's "Hemlock Grove"), and Jane Moffat (MAMA).

**THE SOUND** was written and directed by Jenna Mattison. The film is produced by Geoff Hart, Jenna Mattison, Allan Ungar, Michele Weisler, and executive produced by Cody Hackman, Mike Hattim Louie Maisano, Bruno Marino, Ben McConley, Jason Van Eman, Vincenzo Varallo, and Marino Kulas.

Kelly (McGowan) is a writer and a skeptic of the supernatural. As a specialist in acoustic physics she uses low frequency tactile sound-waves to debunk reported paranormal activities for her online blog. When presented a new case of a supposedly haunted subway station, Kelly sets off to uncover the truth behind the hoax that involves a 40-year-old unexplained suicide.

"We're proud to support a female director in the horror world," says Peter Goldwyn, President of Samuel Goldwyn Films. "Having Rose, Michael and Christopher together enhances Jenna's direction and story. We believe that Jenna is a filmmaker to watch, and we are thrilled to be working with her on this film."

"I'm ecstatic that MGM's iconic Orion brand and Peter Goldwyn at the prestigious Samuel Goldwyn Films chose to release THE SOUND. We are truly blessed to have partnered with studios known for releasing unique films with an original voice," says Mattison.

The deal was negotiated by Peter Goldwyn on behalf of Samuel Goldwyn Films and Jessica Labi of Hubble Entertainment on behalf of the filmmakers.

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## About Orion

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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, 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<sup>®</sup>; Jason Wise's films SOMM & SOMM: Into the Bottle; 2015 Academy Foreign Language Film Award<sup>®</sup> nominee TANGERINES; the Sundance cult-hit LILA AND EVE starring Academy Award<sup>®</sup> 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 Haimes about three show chicken competitors; 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<sup>®</sup> nominated Frank Langella, Billy Crudup, Christina Applegate, Mary Kay Place, and Josh Lucas; the contemporary fairy tale THIS BEAUTIFUL FANTASTIC starring Jessica Brown Findlay, Academy Award® nominated Tom Wilkinson, Andrew Scott, and Jeremy Irvine; Avi Nesher's Israeli box office hit PAST LIFE; and the British children's classic SWALLOWS AND AMAZONS. Upcoming films include Justin Chon's racially charged GOOK; SXSW winner MOST BEAUTIFUL ISLAND directed by and starring Ana Asensio; and the Norwegian WWII drama THE KING'S CHOICE. www.samuelgoldwynfilms.com

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