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SAMUEL GOLDWYN FILMS ACQUIRES US RIGHTS TO ROBERT MULLAN'S *MAD TO BE NORMAL* STARRING EMMY AWARD WINNER ELISABETH MOSS AND TV'S "DOCTOR WHO" DAVID TENNANT

Los Angeles, CA (September 19, 2017) – Samuel Goldwyn Films announced today that the company has acquired US rights to Robert Mullan's **MAD TO BE NORMAL**. The film stars David Tennant ("Doctor Who"), Emmy Award Winner Elisabeth Moss (Hulu's "The Handmaid's Tale"), Michael Gambon (Harry Potter Franchise), Gabriel Byrne (*THE USUAL SUSPECTS*), David Bamber (*THE KING'S SPEECH*), and Olivia Poulet (*IN THE LOOP*).

David Tennant, of Doctor Who fame, stars as 1960's celebrity psychiatrist R.D. Laing who revolutionised the treatment of people diagnosed as 'mad'. **MAD TO BE NORMAL** reveals the story of R.D. Laing, the famous psychiatrist and one of Scotland's greatest minds. Working out of Kingsley Hall in East London throughout the 1960s and 1970s, Laing performed various daring experiments on people who were diagnosed as mentally disturbed. His revolutionary methods involved experimenting with LSD on his patients and practicing a form of self-healing known as metanoia. This caused outrage and controversy in the medical profession and radically changing attitudes and perceptions of mental health around the world.

MAD TO BE NORMAL co-written and directed by Robert Mullan. The film is produced by Phin Glynn, Alan Latham, Charlotte Arden, Executive Produced by Peter Dunphy, Norman Merry, Victor Glynn, Julian Hicks, Kirsty Bell, Charlie Wood, and Peter Hampden.

The deal was negotiated by Peter Goldwyn of Samuel Goldwyn Films and Jason Moring for DDI on behalf of the producers.

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 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 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® 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; the British children's classic SWALLOWS AND AMAZONS; and Justin Chon's racially charged GOOK. Upcoming films include SXSW winner MOST BEAUTIFUL ISLAND directed by and starring Ana Asensio; the Norwegian WWII drama THE KING'S CHOICE; the teen drama BLAME; and the LGBTQ musical drama SATURDAY CHURCH.

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