



SAMUEL GOLDWYN FILMS ACQUIRES US RIGHTS TO DIRECTOR JÉRÔME SALLE'S 'THE ODYSSEY' (L'ODYSSÉE)

Los Angeles, CA – November 9, 2017 —Samuel Goldwyn Films announced today that they have acquired all U.S. rights to Jérôme Salle's **THE ODYSSEY**. The film stars Lambert Wilson (*OF GODS AND MEN*, *MATRIX: REVOLUTIONS*), Pierre Niney (*FRANTZ*, *IT BOY*), and Audrey Tautou (*AMELIE*, *THE DAVINCI CODE*, *PRICELESS*). The film is scheduled to be released this winter.

THE ODYSSEY was directed by Jérôme Salle. The film was produced by Nathalie Gastaldo Godeau, Philippe Godeau, Olivier Delbosc, and Marc Missonnier. The screenplay was written by Jérôme Salle and Laurent Turner. The deal was negotiated by Peter Goldwyn on behalf of Samuel Goldwyn Films and Eva Diederix of Wild Bunch, on behalf of the filmmakers.

"The Odyssey is a timeless contemporary classic in terms of story, filmmaking, and acting performances. We are proud to bring this film to audiences in the United States," says Ben Feingold, CEO of Samuel Goldwyn Films.

Summer, 1946. The Cousteau family - Jacques, his wife Simone and their two children Philippe and Jean-Michel - live in their beautiful house by the Mediterranean sea. By day they dive, by night they watch the stars. It's paradise on earth. But Jacques is never content. He lives and breathes adventure and believes absolutely in the virtues of progress. With his invention, the aqualung, his recently acquired vessel the Calypso, and a crew of free-spirited adventurers he is ready to cross the world's oceans. Ten years later, back from the boarding school to which he was sent with Jean-Michel, Philippe finds his father greatly altered – an international celebrity with megalomaniac dreams of grafting gills to humans and creating underwater cities. Jacques cannot see it yet, but Philippe already understands that progress and pollution have begun to lay waste to the submarine world. Despite their mutual love and admiration, violent conflict between these two passionate men is inevitable. But on their greatest adventure together aboard the Calypso, in Antarctica, they will find each other - before tragedy strikes.

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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®; 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;; 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; Justin Chon's racially charged GOOK; the British children's classic SWALLOWS AND AMAZONS; and Francis Lee's LGBT film GOD'S OWN COUNTRY. Upcoming films include Ana Asensio's SXSW Grand Jury winner MOST BEAUTIFUL ISLAND; Quinn Shepards directorial/starring debut BLAME; SATURDAY CHURCH a story about a cross-dressing teen; and TIFF winner SWEET COUNTRY. www.samuelgoldwynfilms.com

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