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SAMUEL GOLDWYN FILMS ACQUIRES US RIGHTS TO COLIN MCIVOR'S CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE ZOO

Los Angeles, CA (**March 26, 2018**) – Samuel Goldwyn Films announced today that the company has acquired North American rights to Colin McIvor's **ZOO**. The film stars Art Parkinson (*San Andreas* and TV's *Game of Thrones*), Penelope Wilton (*The BFG*), and Toby Jones (*Captain America: The First Avenger*). **ZOO** is slated for an early June release. The film is rated PG for thematic elements, some war action and language.

Based on a true story, Tom (Art Parkinson) and his misfit friends fight to save Buster the baby elephant during the air raids on Belfast in 1941.

"This is a film the whole family can enjoy together. In my house, it is universally loved from my kids to their grandparents," says Peter Goldwyn.

Director Colin McIvor said: "Such an amazing true story from our own hometown really had to be told on screen. It was a fabulous experience to work with such a talented cast and crew and to know that **ZOO** will be seen in America is fantastic."

ZOO was written and directed by Colin McIvor. The film was produced by Katy Jackson and John Leslie at Wee Buns and Dominic Wright, and Jacqueline Kerrin at Ripple World Productions; Executive Producer are Christopher Figg and Robert Whitehouse at Piccadilly Pictures and Lisa Lambert, and Kevin Jackson. **Zoo** was developed and made on location in Northern Ireland with funding from Northern Ireland Screen

The deal was negotiated by Peter Goldwyn, President of Samuel Goldwyn Films, and Natalie Brenner, Head of Sales at Metro International Entertainment.

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 **SUPER SIZE ME**; Sundance winner **GOOK** written and directed by Justin Chon; the critically acclaimed feature debut by Francis Lee **GOD'S OWN COUNTRY**; SXSW winner **MOST BEAUTIFUL ISLAND**; the high-school drama **BLAME** directed, written, and starring Quinn Shephard; and LGBTQ musical drama **SATURDAY CHURCH**. Upcoming films include **ALLURE** starring Evan Rachel Wood; Warwick Thornton's Australian western **SWEET COUNTRY** starring Sam Neill, Bryan Brown, and Hamilton Morris; and the Wim Wenders film, starring James McAvoy and Academy Award winner® Alicia Vikander, **SUBMERGENCE**.

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