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SAMUEL GOLDWYN FILMS ACQUIRES NORTH AMERICAN RIGHTS TO JOSEPH CROSS' COMING-OF-AGE FILM 'SUMMER NIGHT'

Los Angeles, CA (**December 12, 2018**) – Samuel Goldwyn Films announced today that the company has acquired North American rights to Joseph Cross' feature film **SUMMER NIGHT**. The film stars Ellar Coltrane (*BOYHOOD*), Ian Nelson (*THE BOY NEXTDOOR*), Analeigh Tipton (*TWO NIGHT STAND*), Callan McAuliffe (*THE GREAT GATSBY*), Ella Hunt (*ANNA AND THE APOCALYPSE*), Hayden Szeto (*TRUTH OR DARE*), Bill Milner (*X-MEN: FIRST CLASS*), Lana Condor (*TO ALL THE BOYS I'VE LOVED BEFORE*), Elena Kampouris (*BEFORE I FALL*), Khris Davis (*DETRIBUT*), Melina Vidler (TV's *800 Words*), with Victoria Justice (*THE OUTCASTS*), and Justin Chatwin (TV's *Shameless*). The film will be released in Spring 2019.

It's the last days of summer. Best friends Seth and Jameson are getting ready to perform—and party—at local rock venue The Alamo. But before the night begins, both young men come face- to-face with serious reality checks: Seth receives life-changing news from his girlfriend Mel, and Jameson has to choose between his on-again-off-again girlfriend Corin and a new girl he's just met, the outspoken Harmony.

At the show, Seth and Jameson's friends are too caught up in their own lives to be much help: young rocker Taylor romances his new crush Dana, and awkward Jack "Rabbit" avoids his childhood friend Lexi after learning what she did at her sister's wedding. These intertwining friend-dramas, fueled by a lot of drinking, unfold against a backdrop of live music performed by the best bands in town.

By the end of the night, these young men and women are confronted with a series of fast- approaching life decisions that will either leave them stuck in the comfort of adolescence or catapult them into adulthood.

SUMMER NIGHT was directed by Joseph Cross and written by Jordan Jolliff. The film is produced by Tara Ansley, Joseph Cross, and Audrey Tommassini; Executive Produced by James Ponsoldt, Andrew Cross, James Cross, Nicholas DeKay, Jane Nerlinger Evans, Lucas Evans, Constance FitzMaurice, Stephen Fowler, Lauren Gimlett, Brian Gimlett, Nicholas Hertz, Eric Hooge, Erinn Knight, Charlie Mainardi, Todd A. Marks, Ryan Millsap, Wanda Morganstern, Bruna Nogueira, and Maureen Toumey.

"We were drawn to the talented young cast as we journey with them through a night of drama, music, romance and hanging with your friends. We're excited to be able to bring Joseph's vision to audiences," says Miles Fineburg of Samuel Goldwyn Films.

Joseph Cross says, "We are thrilled to partner with Samuel Goldwyn Films to bring Summer Night to audiences across the country. Their enthusiasm for our movie was unmatched, which convinced us that they were the ideal partner for the release. We are looking forward to our continued relationship with their team."

The deal was negotiated by Miles Fineburg of Samuel Goldwyn Films and UTA Independent Film Group on behalf of the filmmakers.

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; LGBTQ musical drama SATURDAY CHURCH; ALLURE starring Evan Rachel Wood; Warwick Thornton's Australian western SWEET COUNTRY starring Sam Neill, Bryan Brown, and Hamilton Morris; the Wim Wenders film, starring James McAvoy and Academy Award winner® Alicia Vikander, SUBMERGENCE; the family film ZOO; NANCY, a psychological thriller starring Andrea Riseborough; COLD SKIN from director Xavier Gens; and A BOY A GIRL A DREAM starring Omari Hardwick and Meagan Good. Upcoming releases include the Singapore Oscar entry BUFFALO BOYS and Ondi Timoner's bio-pic MAPPLETHORPE starring Matt Smith.

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