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SAMUEL GOLDWYN FILMS ACQUIRES U.S. RIGHTS TO THE ACTION-PACKED FILM 'AVENGEMENT' STARRING SCOTT ADKINS

Los Angeles, CA (**March 13, 2019**) –Samuel Goldwyn Films announced today that the company has acquired U.S. rights to Jesse V. Johnson's action thriller **AVENGEMENT**. The film stars Scott Adkins (ACCIDENT MAN/DOCTOR STRANGE), Craig Fairbrass (LONDON HEIST), Nick Moran (LOCK STOCK AND TWO SMOKING BARRELS), Thomas Turgoose (KINGSMAN: THE GOLDEN CIRCLE/ THIS IS ENGLAND), Kierston Wareing (FISH TANK/100 STREETS), and Louis Mandylor (MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING/IN THE EYES OF A KILLER). The film will be released in theatres and on digital May 24th. Bleiberg Entertainment produced the film through its Compound B genre label and is handling worldwide sales.

While released on furlough from prison, a lowly criminal evades his guards and returns to his old haunts to take revenge on the people that made him a cold-hearted killer. It's an epic, bloody battle to search for the soul he lost years ago on the streets of an unforgiving city.

AVENGEMENT was directed by Jesse V. Johnson, from a screenplay he wrote with Stu Small. The film was produced by Ehud Bleiberg and Joe Karimi-Nik; and executive produced by Nicholas Donnermeyer and Scott Adkins.

"It's a hard-hitting gangster film with fight scenes that keep you on the edge of your seat," says Ryan Boring, Director of Marketing & PR at Samuel Goldwyn Films.

"**AVENGEMENT** marks my sixth film with Jesse V. Johnson and there's a very good reason why we keep working together. Jesse allows me to play in the action genre sandbox that my fanbase expect whilst simultaneously pushing me to stretch myself as an actor. Along with co-writer Stu Small he crafted a story that allowed me to create a unique and interesting character who I relished playing. Can't wait for everyone to meet Cain Burgess," says star/executive producer Scott Adkins.

"Every film you get to make is a gift, and as such you must be sure to attempt to create something worthwhile. With **AVENGEMENT**, Scott and I worked very carefully to author a character and scenario that was original and fresh, with action sequences that were justified and exciting without repeating anything we had done before," says director Jesse V. Johnson. "With Cain Burgess, Scott has built a nuanced, interesting but paradoxically, a both frightening and sympathetic character. A man who has tempered his pain and rejection into a carbon steel tool for revenge, but this is not revenge in the skin-deep film-noir style, this revenge is deeper and more resonating, a satisfyingly baroque almost elegant retribution."

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 Ondi Timoner's bio-pic MAPPLETHORPE starring Matt Smith, Russia's historic drama SOBIBOR, Joseph Cross' directorial debut SUMMER NIGHT, and the Karen Gillan & David Dastmalchian lead film ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW.

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