

## SAMUEL GOLDWYN FILMS ACQUIRES NEW SCI-FI AUGGIE

## Starring Richard Kind

Los Angeles, May 09, 2019: Samuel Goldwyn Films announced today that it has acquired all US rights from Myriad Pictures on the elevated sci-fi film AUGGIE, starring Richard Kind (Argo, A Serious Man, "Red Oaks", Inside Out) and co-starring Larisa Oleynik (Atlas Shrugged II, 10 Things I Hate About You, "The Secret World of Alex Mack") Susan Blackwell (Margin Call, Master of None, The Comedian) and newcomer Christen Harper. The film was written and directed by Matt Kane and co-written and produced by Marc Underhill of Thundercane Productions.

**AUGGIE** had its world premiere at **Cinequest Film and Creativity Festival 2019** and it later screened as part of the official selection in the **Beverly Hills Film Festival** and more recently at the **Newport Beach Film Festival**.

In **AUGGIE**, Felix Greystone (Richard Kind) is forced into early retirement and falls in love with an augmented reality companion, to the detriment of his relationship with his wife and daughter.

At his "early retirement" party, Felix Greystone is given a pre-release version of an AUGGIE, a pair of augmented reality smart glasses that project a perfectly human companion onto his world. When Felix's wife Anne gets a promotion and his daughter Grace gets serious with her boyfriend, Felix suddenly feels very alone.

He opens up to his new companion, AUGGIE, and is recognized and appreciated by her. He feels the ache of loneliness dissipate. AUGGIE reawakens a passion in Felix, and to his own surprise, he begins to fall for her. In a world that feels too good to be true, it's difficult for Felix to recognize his increasing addiction to the technology, losing sight of what truly matters.

Said **Matt Kane** director of the film "Marc and I are thrilled to be partnering with Samuel Goldwyn Films, a company with deep roots in the world of quality film. We couldn't think of a better fit to bring this film to audiences in the US."

The deal was negotiated by **Ben Feingold** from **Samuel Goldwyn Films** with **Kirk D'Amico** from **Myriad Pictures** on behalf of the filmmakers.

## Samuel Goldwyn Films

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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; 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 Ondi Timoner's bio-pic MAPPLETHORPE starring Matt Smith. Upcoming releases include Joseph Cross' directorial debut SUMMER NIGHT, the Karen Gillan & David Dastmalchian lead film ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW, and the action-packed film starring Scott Adkins AVENGEMENT

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