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**SAMUEL GOLDWYN FILMS TO RELEASE
'OBSESSION'
STARRING MEKHI PHIFER THIS SEPTEMBER**

Los Angeles, CA (**July 31, 2019**) –Samuel Goldwyn Films announced today that the company has acquired U.S. rights to Goran Dukic's feature film **OBSESSION** (aka American Dream) starring Mekhi Phifer (TV's *ER*). The film also stars Erika Portnoy (*The Driftless Area*), Brad Dourif (*The Lord Of The Rings*), Ruben Santiago-Hudson (TV's *Billions*), and Kerry Cahill (TV's *The Walking Dead*). **OBSESSION** will be coming to theaters and VOD September 27.

Before meeting George Good (Brad Dourif), Sonny Jordan (Mekhi Pfeiffer) was just a lost drifter with a troubled past floating from town to town, looking for work. As fate would have it, Sonny ends up saving George from a murderous back-alley mugger. As thanks, George gives Sonny a home and a job as a mechanic on his farm in the lonely Louisiana Bayou. Sonny quickly settles in and makes himself useful around the place but then Sonny meets Larissa, (Erika Portnoy) George's alluring wife. She has a mysterious past and the two are irresistibly drawn to each other. The two begin a passionate affair leading them to construct a twisted plot to take George's life in cold blood in order to be together. As their despicable plan unravels, they learn how far they are willing to go to cover their misdeed.

OBSESSION was directed by Goran Dukic and written by Michael Andrews. The film was produced by Lindsay Lanzillotta, David E. Ornston, Erika Portnoy, and Jeremy Wall.

The deal was negotiated by Meg Longo on behalf of Samuel Goldwyn Films and ICM Partners on behalf of the filmmakers.

TRAILER: <https://youtu.be/7EzpvriIQ3I>

Press Site: <http://www.samuelgoldwynfilms.com/press-detail/?filename=obsession>

ABOUT MUTRESSA MOVIES

Mutressa Movies is a production and finance company with offices in Boston and Los Angeles. Mutressa was founded by Erika Portnoy in 2008 to tell inspiring, thought-provoking and entertaining stories, with Alex Orlovsky recently joining the company to run the Los Angeles office.

Portnoy and Orlovsky's shared credits include *BEASTS OF NO NATION*, *LOVE IS STRANGE*, *THE VOICES*, *HALF NELSON*, *BLUE VALENTINE*, and *PLACE BEYOND THE PINES*.

Upcoming projects include Eliza Hittman's *NEVER RARELY SOMETIMES ALWAYS*, which will be distributed by Focus Features.

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; A BOY A GIRL A DREAM starring Omari Hardwick and Meagan Good, and Ondi Timoner's bio-pic MAPPLETHORPE starring Matt Smith'; SUMMER NIGHT starring Lena Condor and Victoria Justice; the Karen Gillan & David Dastmalchian lead film ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW, and the action-packed film starring Scott Adkins AVENGEMENT. Upcoming releases include Hari Sama's film THIS IS NOT BERLIN; sci-fi film AUGGIE starring Richard Kind; Sci-Fi/Fantasy PARADISE HILLS starring Emma Roberts; and the horror/thriller film starring Patrick Schwarzenegger and Miles Robbins DANIEL ISN'T REAL.

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