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**SAMUEL GOLDWYN FILMS ACQUIRES U.S. RIGHTS TO  
ROAD TRIP COMEDY ‘COME AS YOU ARE’  
STARRING GRANT ROSENMEYER, HAYDEN SZETO, RAVI PATEL, & GABOUREY SIDIBE**

Los Angeles, CA (**October 14, 2019**) – Samuel Goldwyn Films announced today that the company has acquired U.S. rights to Richard Wong’s road trip comedy **COME AS YOU ARE** which had its world premiere at SXSW Film Festival. The film stars Grant Rosenmeyer (*THE ROYAL TENENBAUMS/MONEY MONSTER*), Hayden Szeto (*TRUTH OR DARE*), Ravi Patel (*Master of None*), Gabourey Sidibe (*PRECIOUS/TV’s Empire*), Janeane Garofalo (*MYSTERY MEN*), and C.S. Lee (*TV’s Chicago Med*). **COME AS YOU ARE** will be released early next year.

Three young men with disabilities (Grant Rosenmeyer, Hayden Szeto, and Ravi Patel) flee their overbearing parents on a road trip to a brothel in Montreal catering to people with special needs. Sam (Gabourey Sidibe), a traveling nurse, drives the three guys across the border as they go on this trip to lose their virginity and embrace their independence.

“Richard Wong perfectly balances the sweet, funny, and dramatic moments anchored by the outstanding performances from Grant, Hayden, Ravi, and Gabourey. We’re thrilled to bring such a hilarious movie to audiences that still has tremendous heart woven into each moment,” says Meg Longo of Samuel Goldwyn Films.

**COME AS YOU ARE** was directed by Richard Wong and written by Erik Linthorst. The story was inspired by the life of Asta Philpot. The film was produced by Grant Rosenmeyer, Barrett Stuart and Jacqueline "JJ" Ingram; Executive producers Kelly Waller, Ted Reilly and Mark Glassgow on behalf of Chicago Media Angels; Franklin Leonard on behalf of The Black List, Jennifer Dong and Emma Shan Wang for Meridian Entertainment; Jo Daris, Geoffrey Enthoven, and Mariano VanHoof of Fobic Films, who produced the original Belgian film; and John Baca and Hans Canosa. Blue Fox is handling international sales.

The deal was negotiated by Meg Longo on behalf 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; *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, the action-packed film starring Scott Adkins AVENGEMENT; and Hari Sama's film THIS IS NOT BERLIN. Upcoming releases include Sci-Fi/Fantasy PARADISE HILLS starring Emma Roberts; the family animated film CATTLE HILL; the horror/thriller film starring Patrick Schwarzenegger and Miles Robbins DANIEL ISN'T REAL; horror young adult film EXTRACURRICULAR; and the Sundance film TO THE STARS.

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