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**SAMUEL GOLDWYN FILMS ACQUIRES NORTH AMERICAN RIGHTS TO  
SONEJUHI SINHA'S DEBUT FEATURE FILM  
'STRAY DOLLS'**

Los Angeles, CA (**September 18, 2019**) – Samuel Goldwyn Films announced today that the company has acquired North American rights to Sonejuhi Sinha's debut feature **STRAY DOLLS** which premiered at this year's Tribeca Film Festival. Paul Schrader says, "Stray Dolls throbs with original outsider buzz, like Mean Streets or Blood Simple." The film stars Geetanjali Thapa (TRAPPED), Olivia DeJonge (Netflix's *The Society*), Robert Aramayo (HBO's *Game of Thrones*), and Cynthia Nixon (HBO's *Sex and the City*). The film will be released in early 2020.

Riz, a recent immigrant and ex-gang member, works at a motel in hopes of starting her life over in America. At the motel, Riz meets Una (Cynthia Nixon), the formidable owner, and her drug-selling son Jimmy. Rooming with another motel maid Dallas, who is a bold, assertive runaway, blackmails Riz triggering a series of violent events that entwine Riz, Dallas, and Jimmy. In a last-ditch effort, a desperate Riz and Dallas create a plan to rob Una to escape from the motel and the web of crime they've created.

"We were immediately struck by Sonejuhi Sinha's unique vision and her feminist spin on the traditional crime drama. Bolstered by standout performances from Olivia DeJonge, Cynthia Nixon and Geetanjali Thapa, Samuel Goldwyn Films couldn't be more excited to bring Stray Dolls to audiences everywhere," says Taylor Devorsky of Samuel Goldwyn Films.

"I am so thrilled Samuel Goldwyn will be bringing STRAY DOLLS to a wider audience. This film has been a part of my life for a long time and I love that Samuel Goldwyn shares my passion for this salty world and these complex and flawed characters. I've always seen Stray Dolls as a story that picks up themes from the American and global zeitgeist and I am excited to see it reach a wide and enthusiastic audience," says director Sonejuhi Sinha

**STRAY DOLLS** was directed by Sonejuhi Sinha who was listed as one of **INDIEWIRE'S 25 Rising Female Directors to Know in 2019**. It was written by Sonejuhi Sinha and Charlotte Rabate and produced by Edward Parks, Charlotte Rabate and Sonejuhi Sinha. The film was executive produced by Niraj Bhatia, Dan Burks, Stephanie Apt, Guillame Rabate and Chris Jonns.

The deal was negotiated by Taylor Devorsky 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 film AUGGIE starring Richard Kind; Sci-Fi/Fantasy PARADISE HILLS starring Emma Roberts; Aaron Paul lead thriller THE PARTS YOU LOSE; family animated film DILILI IN PARIS; and the horror/thriller film starring Patrick Schwarzenegger and Miles Robbins DANIEL ISN'T REAL.

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