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**SAMUEL GOLDWYN TO RELEASE DRAMATIC ADVENTURE FEATURE FILM  
“WAITING FOR THE BARBARIANS”  
STARRING MARK RYLANCE, JOHNNY DEPP & ROBERT PATTINSON**

Los Angeles, CA (**May 20, 2020**) – Samuel Goldwyn Films announced today that the company has acquired North American rights to *Ciro Guerra’s* feature film **WAITING FOR THE BARBARIANS**. The film stars Academy Award Winner Mark Rylance (*Bridge of Spies*), Academy Award Nominee Johnny Depp (*Pirates of the Caribbean* and *Finding Neverland*), Robert Pattinson (*The Lighthouse* and the up-coming *Tenet*), Gana Bayarsaikhan (*Ex Machina*), and Greta Scacchi (*The Girl in the Fog*). **WAITING FOR THE BARBARIANS** was originally slated for a theatrical release, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic will be released on cable on-demand and digital platforms this August.

The Magistrate (Mark Rylance) of an isolated frontier settlement on the border of an unnamed empire looks forward to an easy retirement until the arrival of Colonel Joll (Johnny Depp), whose task it is to report on the activities of the ‘barbarians’ and on the security situation on the border. Joll conducts a series of ruthless interrogations, which leads the Magistrate to question his loyalty to the empire.

**WAITING FOR THE BARBARIANS** was directed by *Ciro Guerra* and written by Nobel Prize winning author *J.M. Coetzee*, who adapted the screenplay from his own novel. Two-time Academy Award winner *Chris Menges* was the cinematographer. The film was produced by *Michael Fitzgerald*, *Olga Segura*, *Andrea Iervolino* of *Iervolino Entertainment*, and *Monika Bacardi* with executive producers *Sir Martin Franklin*, *Cristina Gallego*, *Danielle Maloni*, *Deborah Dobson Bach*, and *Penelope Glass*.

"It has been a great honour to work with this wonderful cast and passionate crew in bringing *J.M. Coetzee’s* masterpiece to the screen. It is a timeless story that speaks volumes to our world today, and we're very happy and excited to be finally bringing it to audiences in the US through this partnership with Samuel Goldwyn films," says director *Ciro Guerra*.

**“WAITING FOR THE BARBARIANS** is filled with powerful and moving performances from Mark, Johnny, Robert, and Gana. The cinematography is beautiful and director *Ciro Guerra* creates a world that forces us to look deeper into ourselves and ask, “What would I do?”. Samuel Goldwyn Films is proud to bring this film to audiences,” says *Peter Goldwyn* of Samuel Goldwyn Films.

The deal was negotiated by *Meg Longo* and *Ben Feingold* on behalf of Samuel Goldwyn Films and *Julie Sultan* of *AMBI Media 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*; *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; 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, 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; and the road-trip comedy COME AS YOU ARE. Upcoming releases include the dark-comedy JUDY & PUNCH; action packed Scott Adkins lead film DEBT COLLECTORS; MR. JONES starring James Norton, Vanessa Kirby, and Peter Sarsgaard; and the sea shanty true story FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS.

### **IERVOLINO ENTERTAINMENT S.P.A.**

Iervolino Entertainment S.p.A. is a Global Production Company founded in 2011 in Rome. The company went public in August 2019. It specializes in the production of movies, television content, and web series.

The company has fostered great relationships with international partners over the years and has partnered with international actors and actresses for the development of film productions for international distribution. Iervolino Entertainment productions are designed for the global market and involve the participation of renowned actors such as Johnny Depp, Morgan Freeman and Robert Pattinson.

More details on [iervolinoentertainment.com](http://iervolinoentertainment.com)

### **ABOUT AMBI DISTRIBUTION**

AMBI is a consortium of vertically integrated film development, production, finance and distribution companies wholly owned and operated by Andrea Iervolino and Monika Gomez del Campo Bacardi, Lady of Bayfield Hall, better known as "Monika Bacardi."

AMBI operates as one of the industry's most prolific financing, production and sales companies with the capacity to develop, package, finance, produce and distribute a broad array of films for the worldwide marketplace. Among the current films on AMBI's burgeoning film slate are the Lamborghini biopic "Lamborghini – The Legend" directed by Bobby Moresco; the kid-friendly "Bernie the Dolphin" franchise; David Henrie's coming-of-age teen comedy "This is the Year" starring Lorenzo Henrie and Gregg Sulkin; and the comedy "Safe Spaces" starring Justin Long, Fran Drescher and Richard Schiff.

Recent films include the animated family film "Arctic Dogs" starring Jeremy Renner, Alec Baldwin, Heidi Klum, John Cleese, James Franco and Anjelica Huston, the father/son stock car racing film "Trading Paint," starring Two-time Oscar® nominee John Travolta, Shania Twain, Toby Sebastian and Michael Madsen; the romantic drama "Here and Now" starring Sarah Jessica Parker, Renée Zellweger, Common and Simon Baker; the revenge thriller "Bent" from Academy Award® winner Bobby Moresco, starring Karl Urban, Sofia Vergara and Andy Garcia; the Andrea Bocelli biopic "The Music of Silence", directed by Oscar® nominated Michael Radford and starring Antonio Banderas, Toby Sebastian and Jordi Molla; the psychological thriller "Black Butterfly" starring Antonio Banderas and Jonathan Rhys Meyers; the faith based children's film "Beyond the Sun," featuring His Holiness Pope Francis.

The AMBI movie and television library includes an incredibly diverse portfolio of critical hits, commercial blockbusters and cult favorites such as "Begin Again," "Cruel Intentions," "Donnie Darko," "End of Watch," "Ides of March," "Hit & Run," "Memento," "The Mexican," "Parkland," "Rush," "Sliding Doors," "Snitch," "Undeclared" and "The Way Back," to name a few.

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