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EXCLUSIVE: WestEnd scores North American distribution and other key deals for RAMS, starring Sam Neill

WestEnd Films has closed a North American deal with Samuel Goldwyn Films for RAMS, directed by Jeremy Sims (*Last Cab to Darwin, Beneath Hill 60*) and starring Sam Neill (*Jurassic Park, Hunt for the Wilderpeople*), Michael Caton (*The Animal, The Castle*) and two time Academy Award-nominee Miranda Richardson (*Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, The Hours, The Phantom of the Opera*).

In addition to North America, WestEnd has secured a raft of deals in the UK (Signature Entertainment), Germany and Italy (Koch Media), Russia and the Baltics (Paradise), Poland (Canal+), the Middle East (Phoenicia Pictures), China (Jetsen Huashi Media), former Yugoslavia (MCF Megacom Film) and airlines (Encore).

Village Roadshow will distribute the film in Australia and New Zealand on October 29th. This will be the first major domestic release as cinemas re-open there.

The North American distribution deal was negotiated by Peter Goldwyn at Samuel Goldwyn and Maya Amsellem at WestEnd, acting on behalf of the filmmakers.

RAMS is the English-language adaptation of 2015 Cannes Winner Icelandic film *Hrútar (Rams)*. It tells the story of two estranged brothers on adjoining sheep farms who haven't spoken to each other in 40 years. When a rare disease threatens their sheep, the brothers must find a way to work together to save their flock, their small town and their family's legacy.

The film has been adapted by screenwriter Jules Duncan and is produced by Janelle Landers and Aidan O'Bryan from WBMC. *Rams* received production investment from Screen Australia, Screenwest and the Western Australian Regional Film Fund.

WestEnd Films is handling worldwide sales.

About WestEnd Films:

WestEnd Films is a dynamic London-based production, financing and international sales company for feature films and TV. It offers filmmakers finance, production and sales expertise as well as an extensive network of contacts across all sectors of the industry.

In addition to RAMS, WestEnd's line-up includes new drama THE LAST RIFLEMAN starring Pierce Brosnan, FALLING FOR FIGARO, a romantic comedy by Ben Lewin starring Danielle Macdonald and Joanna Lumley, THE SCORE, a heist musical starring Johnny Flynn, Will Poulter and Naomi Ackie, MR. MALCOLM'S LIST, a romantic comedy starring Frieda Pinto and Constance Wu, THE COW, a comedy directed by

Marc Forster starring Ewan McGregor, LAMYA'S POEM, an animated feature by Alexander Kronemer, THE BANISHING, a horror by Chris Smith, starring Jessica Brown Findlay and Sean Harris, SHOPLIFTERS OF THE WORLD, a Smiths-infused drama starring Ellar Coltrane and Joe Manganiello, COTTONTAIL, a moving drama from the producer of *Philomena* and VALLEY OF TEARS, an Israeli drama series from the writers and creators of *Euphoria* and *False Flag* which has just been sold to HBO Max.

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