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**AN UNDERGROUND MUSIC FESTIVAL TAKES A DARK TURN IN
SAMUEL GOLDWYN'S HORROR/THRILLER "DREAMCATCHER"**

Los Angeles, CA (**December 3, 2020**) – Samuel Goldwyn Films announced today that the company has acquired North American rights to Jacob Johnston's debut feature **DREAMCATCHER**. The horror/thriller stars Niki Koss (TV's *Famous in Love*), Zachary Gordon (*DIARY OF A WIMPY KID*), Travis Burns (TV's *NEIGHBOURS*), Blaine Kern III (*THE PERFECT DATE*), Olivia Sui (*SMOSH*), Emrhys Cooper, Ben. J Pierce, Elizabeth Posey (*Starz Network, HEELS*), Nazanin Mandi, with Adrienne Wilkinson, and Lou Ferrigno Jr. (*SWAT*) Coming to On-Demand & Digital March, 2021.

Dylan, known to his fans as DJ Dreamcatcher, is on the brink of global stardom. Everything changes the night of Cataclysm, an underground music festival, where two estranged sisters and their friends meet Dylan. After a drug fueled gruesome event, things begin to spiral into a 48-hour whirlwind of violence and mayhem.

The idea behind "DREAMCATCHER" was to design a film that brings back the whodunnit, the empty house scare, and the backyard fright all wrapped up in an original screenplay. We approached the film, from the beginning with Jacob, wanting to tastefully - and artfully - capture varying facets of society, with the sexy backdrop of a colorful pulsating Music Festival, all while set in the glamorous city of Los Angeles, California. This was to say, build a world that feels surreal - but obtainable, seductive, -but never explicit, and fun however equally frightening. The story is ripe with everything you come to expect from a genre film: twists, turns, and a dose of scares. While thematically, we explore the effects of trauma, the insatiable thirst for materialism and fame, and of course, the loss of innocence and corruption of power. The character development, and ensemble cast, gave us the opportunity to connect in a meaningful personal way, with varying audiences demographics across the world. We are very much excited and grateful to be partnering with such a prestigious company and storied name in the motion picture business at Samuel Goldwyn Films. We are excited for what's to come and see it all unfold into reality! - Brandon Vayda & Krystal Vayda, Quarzo Studios.

DREAMCATCHER was written and directed by Jacob Johnston. The film was produced by Krystal Vayda and Brandon Vayda, under their new banner, Quarzo Studios and Executive Produced by Jacques Kurdian, alongside Jack Sheehan, Scott Martin, and Michael Slifkin at Archstone Ent..

The deal was negotiated by Miles Fineburg on behalf of Samuel Goldwyn Films and Jack Sheehan of Archstone Entertainment on behalf of the filmmakers.

Quarzo Studios is an independent film production studio started by siblings, and Co-Presidents, Krystal Vayda and Brandon Michael Vayda. The newly launched Quarzo Studios, focuses on the development, finance, and production for commercially viable, new adult and young adult (YA) projects, that tell meaningful stories for a global audience.

Archstone Entertainment is a financing, production, sales and distribution company focused on delivering high quality theatrical films and series to the worldwide audience. It represents roughly a dozen films annually for worldwide sales and domestic distribution and produces and finances 2-4 films per year, focusing on theatrical and unique genre pictures. Archstone has over 200 films in its library.

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; A BOY A GIRL A DREAM starring Omari Hardwick and Meagan Good; Sci-Fi/Fantasy PARADISE HILLS starring Emma Roberts; the horror/thriller film starring Patrick Schwarzenegger and Miles Robbins DANIEL ISN'T REAL; the road-trip comedy COME AS YOU ARE; the dark-comedy JUDY & PUNCH; action packed Scott Adkins lead film DEBT COLLECTORS; MR. JONES starring James Norton, Vanessa Kirby, and Peter Sarsgaard. the sea shanty true story FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS; WAITING FOR THE BARBARIANS starring Academy Award® winner Mark Rylance, Academy Award® nominee Johnny Depp, and Robert Pattinson; the Hugo Weaving lead MEASURE FOR MEASURE; ETERNAL BEAUTY starring Academy Award® Nominee Sally Hawkins; family film H IS FOR HAPPINESS; FROM THE VINE starring Joe Pantoliano; and LGBTQ+ teen comedy DATING AMBER. Upcoming releases include the Danish Academy Award Entry ANOTHER ROUND starring Mads Mikkelsen; the underground action film KNUCKLEDUST; LGBTQ Outfest Winner COWBOYS; the rom-com STARS FELL ON ALABAMA; and the female lead Wester SAVAGE STATE.

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