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**SAMUEL GOLDWYN FILMS HAS ACQUIRED THE RIGHTS TO
THE SCI-FI THRILLER *'RISING WOLF'* (AKA *'ASCENDANT'*)**

Los Angeles, CA (**April 6, 2021**) – Samuel Goldwyn Films announced today that the company has acquired Worldwide Rights (excl. Australia and New Zealand) to Antaine Furlong's feature ***'RISING WOLF'***. The film stars Charlotte Best (*A Name Without A Place*), Jonny Pasvolsky (*The Front Runner*), Alex Menglet (TV's *Wentworth*), Susan Prior (*The Rover*), Lily Stewart, Justin Cotta, Tahlia Sturzaker (*I am Mother*), and introducing Karelina Clarke.

A young woman wakes, trapped, kidnapped in an elevator of a super high-rise building at the mercy of her tormentors. This stylistic thriller, set in Shanghai, explores a young woman's instinct to survive in a situation out of her control. Trapped, without any form of escape, and cocooned in the belly of the beast, Aria is forced to adapt her thinking, her beliefs and her endurance. This is the first of the journeys that assault her mind and her senses, pinning her down in anguish only to emerge connected to abilities that define who she truly is.

"As we prepare for a very wide theatrical release across Australian and New Zealand cinemas on 8 April, to be partnering with someone like Samuel Goldwyn in such key markets as the US, UK, Europe & Asia is a huge vote of confidence in the movie. It also represents a big boost for Australian made movies finding a larger audience overseas which is great outcome for the whole industry. It clearly demonstrates that Australian talent can write and produce world building stories and deliver VFX on a massive scale," says director/producer/writer Antaine Furlong. The film will be released under the local title of *'Ascendant'* in Australian and New Zealand.

"We at Goldwyn are honored to be working with emerging talent from around the world. Antaine Furlong has created an exciting new thriller that audiences will thoroughly enjoy," says Miles Fineburg of Samuel Goldwyn Films.

'RISING WOLF' was produced, co-written and directed by Antaine Furlong with co-writer Kieron Holland. The film was also produced by Antaine Furlong, Kristy Vernon, James Vernon, Drew Bailey; and executive produced by Liz Furlong and Bec Kemp.

The deal was negotiated by Miles Fineburg on behalf of Samuel Goldwyn Films and Antaine Furlong 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*; 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; 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; epic drama WAITING FOR THE BARBARIANS starring Academy Award® winner Mark Rylance, Academy Award® nominee Johnny Depp, and Robert Pattinson; FROM THE VINE starring Joe Pantoliano; LGBTQ+ teen comedy DATING AMBER; LUXOR starring Andrea Riseborough; and the Academy Award® Nominee ANOTHER ROUND starring Mads Mikkelsen; RAMS starring Sam Neill; LGBTQ+ COWBOYS starring Steve Zahn and Jillian Bell. Upcoming releases include Academy Award® Nominee THE MAN WHO SOLD HIS SKIN, the Norwegian thriller THE TUNNEL, based on true events THE MARIJUANA CONSPIRACY, and THE OUTSIDE STORY starring Brian Tyree Henry.

About Daydream Films

Daydream Films International is a Sydney based independent production company focused on delivering strong returns for investors and making high quality, high-concept and hugely entertaining films for global audiences.

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