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# SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

## **SONY PICTURES CLASSICS ACQUIRES ROMAN POLANSKI'S *BASED ON A TRUE STORY***

**NEW YORK (February 14, 2017)** – Sony Pictures Classics announced today that they have acquired all rights in North America to Academy Award-winner Roman Polanski's *BASED ON A TRUE STORY*. The French-language film recently wrapped production in Paris and stars Emmanuelle Seigner and Eva Green.

A tense psychological thriller, *BASED ON A TRUE STORY* follows Delphine (Seigner), a best-selling author in Paris who has developed writer's block. When a mysterious woman (Green) enters her life at a book signing, Delphine's life and all that she had come to rely on becomes a rollercoaster resulting in unexpected consequences.

Based on Delphine de Vigan's novel of the same title, the film is written by Cannes award-winner Olivier Assayas (Best Director, *PERSONAL SHOPPER*) and Roman Polanski. The film is produced by Wassim Beji of WY Productions. RatPac Entertainment will partner with SPC on the distribution.

Sony Pictures Classics previously worked with Polanski on *CARNAGE*.

"I am very pleased that Sony Pictures Classics will be distributing *BASED ON A TRUE STORY* in North America. Sony Classics is a company that has long tradition in supporting European cinema. I am looking forward to working again with Michael Barker and Tom Bernard," said Roman Polanski.

Stated Sony Pictures Classics, "*BASED ON A TRUE STORY* is the kind of thriller audiences are hungering for, as exceptional and fresh as *REPULSION* and *THE TENANT* were in their day. Polanski's new film promises to be his very best."

The deal was negotiated by Sony Pictures Classics and Jeff Berg of Northside Services.

### **ABOUT SONY PICTURES CLASSICS**

Michael Barker and Tom Bernard serve as co-presidents of Sony Pictures Classics—an autonomous division of Sony Pictures Entertainment they founded with Marcie Bloom in January 1992, which distributes, produces, and acquires independent films from around the world. Barker and Bernard have released prestigious films that have won 32 Academy Awards® (28 of those at Sony Pictures Classics) and have garnered 159 Academy Award® nominations (133 at Sony Pictures Classics) including Best Picture nominations for *WHIPLASH*,

AMOUR, MIDNIGHT IN PARIS, AN EDUCATION, CAPOTE, HOWARDS END,  
AND CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON.

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