# SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

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### SONY PICTURES CLASSICS ACQUIRES PAUL WEITZ'S GRANDMA

**NEW YORK (January 27, 2015)** - Sony Pictures Classics announced today that they acquired worldwide rights to GRANDMA. The film, written and directed by Paul Weitz, premieres Friday at the 2015 Sundance Film Festival and stars Lily Tomlin, Julia Garner, Marcia Gay Harden, Judy Greer, Laverne Cox and Sam Elliott. GRANDMA is produced by Andrew Miano, Weitz, Paris Kassidokostas-Latsis and Terry Dougas and executive produced by Stephanie Meurer, Dan Balgoyen and Danielle Renfrew Behrens.

In GRANDMA, Lily Tomlin is Elle Reid. Elle has just gotten through breaking up with her girlfriend when Elle's granddaughter Sage unexpectedly shows up needing \$600 bucks before sundown. Temporarily broke, Grandma Elle and Sage spend the day trying to get their hands on the cash as their unannounced visits to old friends and flames end up rattling skeletons and digging up secrets.

The deal was negotiated by WME GLOBAL and Alex Kohner of Morris Yorn Barnes Levine Krintzman Rubenstein Kohner & Gellman.

## **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<sup>®</sup> (28 of those at Sony Pictures Classics) and have garnered 158 Academy Award<sup>®</sup> nominations (132 at Sony Pictures Classics) including Best Picture nominations for WHIPLASH, AMOUR, MIDNIGHT IN PARIS, AN EDUCATION, CAPOTE, HOWARDS END, AND CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON.

## ABOUT SONY PICTURES ENTERTAINMENT

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