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HYSTERIA HITS SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

NEW YORK (November 10, 2011) – Sony Pictures Classics announced today that they have acquired all US and South African rights to *HYSTERIA*. The film is directed by Tanya Wexler from a script by the team of Stephen Dyer and Jonah Lisa Dyer. A trio of women produced *HYSTERIA*- Forthcoming Films' Sarah Curtis (*MANSFIELD PARK*, *HER MAJESTY MRS. BROWN*), Informant Media's Judy Cairo (*CRAZY HEART*), and Beachfront Films' Tracey Becker (*FINDING NEVERLAND*).

The film stars Academy Award® nominee Maggie Gyllenhaal (*CRAZY HEART*, *NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS*) and Hugh Dancy (*ADAM*, *CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC*) alongside Jonathan Pryce, Rupert Everett, and Felicity Jones and had its World Premiere at the 2011 Toronto International Film Festival.

HYSTERIA, a mischievously inspired romantic comedy, is based on the surprising truth of how Mortimer Granville came up with the world's first electro-mechanical vibrator in the name of medical science. “*HYSTERIA* is meant to be both funny and smart. It's really a movie that says you are in charge of your own happiness,” says Director Wexler. “Sony Classics is the perfect company to unleash *HYSTERIA* into American movie theatres. They understand ‘smart and funny’ movies better than anyone else out there. They are just what the doctor ordered.”

“*HYSTERIA* is a winner on all counts. It is funny, fresh and warm. From director Tanya Wexler's expert filmmaking to her accomplished production team (sets, costumes and cinematography are all impressive) to the great performances from the entire cast (Maggie Gyllenhal is at an all-time career best here), this is a movie audiences will embrace in a major way,” says Sony Pictures Classics.

The deal was negotiated by Cassian Elwes, with Elsa Ramo representing the producers.

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 27 Academy Awards® (23 of those at Sony Pictures Classics) and have garnered over 116 Academy Award® nominations (93 at Sony Pictures Classics) including Best Picture nominations for AN EDUCATION, CAPOTE, HOWARDS END, AND CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON.

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