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## **SONY PICTURES CLASSICS ACQUIRES US RIGHTS TO WRITER/DIRECTOR STEVE BUSCEMI'S "INTERVIEW"**

OFFICIAL SELECTION AT THIS YEARS SUNDANCE FESTIVAL STARS BUSCEMI AND SIENNA MILLER

New York, NY. March 15, 2007. Sony Pictures Classics announced today that they have acquired the US rights to "Interview," based on the late director, Theo Van Gogh's (four-time Dutch Academy Award winner) film of the same name. Steve Buscemi ("Reservoir Dogs," "Fargo," and "The Sopranos") returns to the director helm after the award nominated success of "Trees Lounge" (1996), "Animal Factory" (2000), and the 2005 Sundance Grand Jury Prize nominee "Lonesome Jim." Buscemi, who also wrote the screenplay for "Interview" stars opposite Sienna Miller ("Alfie," "Casanova," and "Factory Girl") in this passionate drama about two polar opposite characters and their unforeseen encounter.

Set in present day New York City, Pierre Peters (Buscemi) is a fading political journalist who at one time found success as a highly respected war correspondent. After a falling out with his editor, he is assigned to interview Katya (Miller), one of the country's hottest young actresses. Katya stars on a hit soap opera and in extremely successful but campy B-rate movies. Devastated, Pierre must follow Katya through her daily routines including the bombardment of fans and paparazzi. Their meeting is a collision of Pierre's serious political intentions and Katya's superficial world of celebrity. As their time progresses, their confessions grow more intimate and both get more than they bargained for. In the end, Pierre Peters ends up getting the witty and most desirable interview to date.

"It was always Theo's dream to make films in America and to have his work seen here. Gijs and I are thrilled that Steve and Sienna helped us realize that dream," commented producer Bruce Weiss.

"I'm excited to have Sony Pictures Classics as a partner in such an important film," said CEO of Cinemavault Releasing International and Executive Producer, Nick Stiliadis. "It's a great start to the trilogy. Theo would be proud."

Michael Barker, Tom Bernard and Dylan Leiner from Sony Pictures Classics acquired the film from Cinemavault Releasing in Canada.

Sony Pictures Classics released the following statement: "We have always wanted to work with Steve Buscemi, and we've admired Sienna Miller's work over the last several years. We're thrilled to bring this movie out in July as we think it's a perfect summer film."

The film was a Dutch/American co-production between van de Westelaken's Column Film in Amsterdam and Weiss' New York based Ironworks Productions.

Cinemavault is proud to announce that they have sold the film to the following foreign territories who have all committed to theatrical releases: Germany: Kinowelt, France: Diaphana, Italy: Fandango, Spain: Golem, Scandinavia: CCV, Switzerland: Rialto Film, Benelux: A-Film, Austria: Polyfilm, Poland: Solopan, CIS: Maywin Media, Greece: Spentzos Films, Iceland: Samfilm, Former Yugoslavia: Karantanija, Middle East: Front Row, Czech Republic: CinemArt, Turkey: Mars. Cinemavault is also in active negotiation with distributors in the UK, Japan and Latin America which they hope to close imminently.

"Interview" was directed by Steve Buscemi; Screenplay by Steve Buscemi and David Schechter; Based on the film directed by: Theo van Gogh; Original Screenplay: Theodor Holman; Executive Producer: Nick Stiliadis; Producers: Bruce Weiss and Gijs van de Westelaken; Cinematographer: Thomas Kist; Production Designer: Loren Weeks; Costumes: Vicki Farrell; Editor: Kate Williams.

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