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SONY PICTURES CLASSICS ACQUIRES ALL NORTH AMERICAN RIGHTS TO WOODY ALLEN'S MIDNIGHT IN PARIS

NEW YORK (January 11, 2011) – Sony Pictures Classics announced today that they have acquired all North American rights to Woody Allen's new film, MIDNIGHT IN PARIS. The film stars Kathy Bates, Adrien Brody, Carla Bruni, Marion Cotillard, Rachel McAdams, Michael Sheen, and Owen Wilson.

MIDNIGHT IN PARIS is produced by Letty Aronson, Steve Tenenbaum, and Jaume Roures. It is financed by Mediapro, the Spain-based company which also funded VICKY CHRISTINA BARCELONA and YOU WILL MEET A TALL DARK STRANGER. The film was Allen's first film shot in Paris.

"I had a particularly enjoyable experience shooting in Paris. It's something that I hope I get a chance to do again. I always look forward to having my films distributed by Sony Classics because they have great sensitivity toward my work and I appreciate it," says Allen.

Sony Pictures Classics states, "MIDNIGHT IN PARIS is Woody Allen at his most magical. We couldn't be more pleased to be back with Woody, Letty and their entire team, as well as, our friends at Mediapro."

MIDNIGHT IN PARIS marks Allen's fourth film with Sony Pictures Classics. Their previous collaborations include the recent, YOU WILL MEET A TALL DARK STRANGER starring Antonio Banderas, Josh Brolin, Anthony Hopkins, Freida Pinto and Naomi Watts; SWEET AND LOWDOWN, which garnered Oscar nominations for Sean Penn and Samantha Morton; and The 2009 Tribeca Film Festival's opening night film WHATEVER WORKS starring Larry David, Patricia Clarkson and Evan Rachel Wood.

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 25 Academy Awards® (22 of those at Sony Pictures Classics) and have garnered over 100 Academy Award® nominations (85 at Sony Pictures Classics) including Best Picture nominations for AN EDUCATION, CAPOTE, HOWARDS END, AND CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON.

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