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# SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

## **SONY PICTURES CLASSICS ACQUIRES BERLIN'S GOLDEN BEAR WINNER NADER AND SIMIN, A SEPARATION**

**NEW YORK (MAY 3, 2011)** – Sony Pictures Classics announced today that they have acquired all North American rights to Asghar Farhadi's *NADER AND SIMIN, A SEPARATION* from Memento Films International. The film won the Golden Bear at this year's Berlin Film Festival.

Farhadi was awarded Best Director for his previous film, *ABOUT ELLY* at the 2009 Berlin Film Festival.

Set in Contemporary Iran, *NADER AND SIMIN, A SEPARATION* is a compelling drama about the dissolution of a marriage. Simin wants to leave Iran with her husband Nader and daughter Termeh. Simin sues for divorce when Nader refuses to leave behind his Alzheimer-suffering father. Her request having failed, Simin goes back to her parents', but Termeh decides to stay with Nader...

Memento Films International and Sony Pictures Classics last worked together on the Oscar nominated Palme D' Or winner, *THE CLASS*.

### **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® (24 of those at Sony Pictures Classics) and have garnered over 100 Academy Award® nominations (93 at Sony Pictures Classics) including Best Picture nominations for *AN EDUCATION*, *CAPOTE*, *HOWARDS END*, and *CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON*.

### **ABOUT SONY PICTURES ENTERTAINMENT**

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