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## SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

### **SONY PICTURES CLASSICS AND STAGE 6 FILMS TO UNLEASH THE RAID 2**

**NEW YORK (November 5, 2013)** – Sony Pictures Classics and Stage 6 Films announced today that they will theatrically release THE RAID 2 in the United States. The highly-anticipated sequel to the action thriller THE RAID: REDEMPTION, the new film THE RAID 2 was once again written and directed by Gareth Evans. The film was produced by Ario Sagantoro for Merantau Films, and Aram Tertzakian and Nate Bolotin of XYZ Films. The film was executive produced by Rangga Maya Barack-Evans for Merantau Films, Irwan D. Mussry, and Nick Spicer and Todd Brown on behalf of XYZ. Matt Flannery (THE RAID: REDEMPTION) and Dimas Imam Subhono served as cinematographers with Joseph Trapanese (THE BOURNE LEGACY), Aria Prayogi (THE RAID: REDEMPTION) and Fajar Yuskemal (THE RAID: REDEMPTION) scoring the picture. THE RAID: REDEMPTION was released theatrically in March 2012 by Sony Pictures Classics to great success.

Currently in post-production, THE RAID 2 picks up right where the first film left off and follows Rama (Iko Uwais) as he goes undercover and infiltrates the ranks of a ruthless Jakarta crime syndicate in order to protect his family and uncover the corruption in his own police force.

### **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 31 Academy Awards® (27 of those at Sony Pictures Classics) and have garnered 135 Academy Award® nominations (109 at Sony Pictures Classics) including Best Picture nominations for AMOUR, MIDNIGHT IN PARIS, AN EDUCATION, CAPOTE, HOWARDS END, AND CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON.

## **ABOUT SONY PICTURES ENTERTAINMENT**

Sony Pictures Entertainment (SPE) is a subsidiary of Sony Corporation of America, a subsidiary of Tokyo-based Sony Corporation. SPE's global operations encompass motion picture production and distribution; television production and distribution; home entertainment acquisition and distribution; a global channel network; digital content creation and distribution; operation of studio facilities; development of new entertainment products, services and technologies; and distribution of entertainment in more than 142 countries. For additional information, go to <http://www.sonypictures.com/>.

## **ABOUT XYZ FILMS**

XYZ FILMS is an LA-based film production and sales company founded in 2008 by Bolotin, Spicer and Tertzakian, with partner Todd Brown joining the company in 2009.

XYZ executive produced the hit action film THE RAID: REDEMPTION which was released by Sony Pictures Classics last year. They will also be producing the remake of the South African thriller iNUMBER NUMBER and Filipino thriller ON THE JOB, both of which were recently picked up by Universal Pictures.

XYZ Films and Merantau are also in post-production on KILLERS, which is co-directed by Timo Tjahjanto and Kimo Stamboel, with

Gareth Huw Evans and Rangga Maya Barack-Evans executive producing. Evans and Tjahjanto recently collaborated on SAFE HAVEN, a celebrated segment in the horror anthology film V/H/S/2, which premiered at this year's Sundance Film Festival.

XYZ Films is also acting as executive producers on the upcoming supernatural thriller, OUT OF THE DARK. Participant Media is financing the film, which is a co-production between Colombia's Dynamo and Spain's Apaches. The company is currently in production on horror-actioner STUNG which is currently shooting in Berlin, Germany with director Benni Diez.