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SONY PICTURES CLASSICS ACQUIRES THE SEAGULL

NEW YORK (October 24, 2017) – Sony Pictures Classics announced today that they have acquired all rights in North America, Germany, Scandinavia, Greece, Eastern Europe, Latin America and Asia (excluding China, Korea and Japan) to **THE SEAGULL**, directed by Michael Mayer and adapted by Stephen Karam from Anton Chekhov's classic play.

THE SEAGULL stars four-time Oscar® nominee Annette Bening, two-time Oscar® nominee Saoirse Ronan, Golden Globe® and Emmy® winner Elisabeth Moss, Corey Stoll, Brian Dennehy, Mare Winningham, Jon Tenney, Glen Fleshler, Michael Zegen, and Billy Howle. The legendary Ann Roth and Jane Musky design.

THE SEAGULL is the heartbreaking and funny story of friends and lovers, all of whom are in love with the wrong person. The movie is timely in its depiction of the tragic consequences of narcissism, particularly on young dreams and romantic love.

"Here finally is the definitive film version of the master storyteller's play. It is fun and the cast is simply sublime," said Sony Pictures Classics.

Said Michael Mayer, "If I could dream up the perfect company to release my film, I would conjure Sony Classics. Michael Barker and Tom Bernard have released so many brilliant and varied films in the last nearly 30 years, it's a huge honor to collaborate with them on the release of **THE SEAGULL**."

"Tom and Michael create passionate and devoted audiences for Sony Classics films and we are thrilled that **THE SEAGULL** is in their excellent hands," said producers Tom Hulce and Leslie Urdang.

THE SEAGULL is produced by Tom Hulce, Leslie Urdang, Bob Salerno, Jay Franke & David Herro. The deal was negotiated between Sony Pictures Classics and CAA and Endeavor Content. Hyde Park International represents the remaining world rights.

Sony Pictures Classics is planning for a 2018 release.

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 37 Academy Awards® (33 of those at Sony Pictures Classics) and have garnered 163 Academy Award® nominations (137 at Sony Pictures Classics) including Best Picture nominations

for WHIPLASH, AMOUR, MIDNIGHT IN PARIS, AN EDUCATION, CAPOTE, HOWARDS END, AND CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON.

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