

SONY PICTURES CLASSICS ACQUIRES RUSSIAN DIRECTOR NIKITA MIKHALKOV'S COURT
ROOM DRAMA "12"

FEBRUARY 11, 2008. It was announced today that Sony Pictures Classics, after fruitful negotiations with Three T Productions, has acquired North American rights to director Nikita Mikhailov's remarkable courtroom drama "12." Acquisition reunites the company with Mikhailov after successfully distributing the Russian director's academy award-winning "Burnt By The Sun."

Loosely adapted from Sidney Lumet's classic "12 Angry Men," Mikhailov's version embodies virtuoso performances one of which is the director himself. When a Russian youth is put on trial for the murder of his adoptive father, it's up to a room full of jurors divided by racism and prejudice to determine the boy's ultimate fate

Sony Pictures Classics released the following statement, "It's a pleasure to be back in business with this most masterful of filmmakers."

"12" is an A Three T production. Produced by Nikita Mikhailov, Leonid Vereschagin. Directed by Nikita Mikhailov. Screenplay by Mikhailov, Vladimir Moiseenko, Alexander Novostky, based on the screenplay by Reginald Rose.

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