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# SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

## **SONY PICTURES CLASSICS ACQUIRES MICHAEL HANEKE'S AMOUR**

**NEW YORK (April 17, 2012)** - Sony Pictures Classics announced today that they have acquired all North American rights to Michael Haneke's latest film AMOUR from Films Du Losange. Written and Directed by Haneke, AMOUR stars Jean-Louis Trintignant (Z, THE CONFORMIST), Emmanuelle Riva (HIROSHIMA MON AMOUR), and Isabelle Huppert (THE PIANO TEACHER, 8 WOMEN). Stefan Arndt, Veit Heiduschka, and Margaret Ménégoz produced the film with Austrian co-producer Michael Katz.

In the film, Georges (Trintignant) and Anne (Riva) are in their eighties. They are cultivated, retired music teachers. Their daughter (Huppert), who is also a musician, lives abroad with her family. One day, Anne has an attack. The couple's bond of love is severely tested.

AMOUR will mark the third film between Haneke and Sony Pictures Classics. The previous titles include CACHÉ and 2009 Palme d'Or winner THE WHITE RIBBON.

"AMOUR once again confirms Michael Haneke's place as one of the world's finest filmmakers. American audiences are in for a moving experience. We are so pleased to continue our fruitful relationship with Michael and his producers Margaret Ménégoz and Stefan Arndt, who continue to make the very best movies," states Sony Pictures Classics.

Michael Haneke adds, "I'm delighted that our fruitful collaboration with Sony Pictures Classics continues also with AMOUR."

### **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 29 Academy Awards® (25 of those at Sony Pictures Classics) and have garnered 127 Academy Award® nominations (101 at Sony Pictures Classics) including Best Picture nominations for MIDNIGHT IN PARIS, AN EDUCATION, CAPOTE, HOWARDS END, and CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON.

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