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# SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

## SONY PICTURES CLASSICS ACQUIRES LAMBERT & STAMP

**NEW YORK (March 20, 2014)** - Sony Pictures Classics announced today that they have acquired all North American, Australian and NZ, Asian, Eastern European and Russian rights to James D. Cooper's directorial debut **LAMBERT & STAMP**. The film stars Chris Stamp and Kit Lambert, and features Pete Townshend, Roger Daltrey and Terence Stamp. The film premiered at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival to wide acclaim and critical reviews. The film is a Harms/Cooper, Motocinema, Inc. production and was gorgeously photographed by renowned cinematographer Cooper who also produced along with Loretta Harms and Douglas Graves. W. Wilder Knight II is the associate producer and Loretta Harms and Mark Mullen are executive producers on the film. **LAMBERT & STAMP** tells the remarkable story of Chris Stamp and Kit Lambert, aspiring New Wave filmmakers from opposite sides of the tracks who set out to find a subject for their underground movie, leading them to discover, mentor and manage the iconic band that would become known as The Who. This complex and moving relationship, a combination of the deeply tragic and brilliantly comedic, fueled the band's artistic development and left an indelible imprint on its time and generations to come.

"**LAMBERT & STAMP** is the greatest untold story in rock. The movie captures a very unlikely partnership and the hailstorm of creativity that comes with it. Sony Pictures Classics is truly the ideal partner for distributing the film which I've been honored to make, and for the legacy with which I've been entrusted," said James D. Cooper.

"We are so thrilled that **LAMBERT & STAMP** will be released through Sony Pictures Classics. It's the perfect home for this epic story. Michael, Tom and Dylan have their own unique magic in bringing highly engaging films to the widest audiences. We're incredibly excited," added Loretta Harms.

Stated Sony Pictures Classics, “The craftsmanship and research that went into making LAMBERT & STAMP is remarkable. In telling this seminal story, James and Loretta and their team pay tribute not only to one of the greatest rock bands ever, but also to the glorious synchronicity of the creative process.”

The deal was negotiated with W. Wilder Knight II & Anne Atkinson of Pryor Cashman on behalf of the filmmakers with Sony Pictures Classics.

## **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 32 Academy Awards® (28 of those at Sony Pictures Classics) and have garnered 140 Academy Award® nominations (114 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**

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