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## SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

### SONY PICTURES CLASSICS ACQUIRES WORLDWIDE RIGHTS FOR MARC TURTLETAUB'S *PUZZLE* STARRING KELLY MACDONALD

Park City, Utah – January 25, 2018 -- On the heels of the world premiere of Marc Turtletaub's *Puzzle* starring Kelly Macdonald and Irrfan Khan, Sony Pictures Classics announced they've acquired worldwide rights. A female driven, coming of age story, *Puzzle* has quickly become a crowd-pleasing favorite at this year's festival. It features Kelly Macdonald in her first lead role in a feature film. *Puzzle* is the story of Agnes (Macdonald), taken for granted as a suburban wife and mother until she discovers a passion for solving jigsaw puzzles which unexpectedly draws her into a new world – where her life unfolds in ways she could never have imagined.

Starring **Kelly Macdonald, David Denman, Irrfan Khan, Austin Abrams, Bubba Weiler** and **Liv Hewson**, the film is directed by Academy Award nominated producer **Marc Turtletaub** (*Little Miss Sunshine*) and written by Academy Award nominee **Oren Moverman** (*The Messenger*), with music by Academy Award nominee **Dustin O'Halloran** (*Lion*) and an original song co-written and performed by **Ane Brun**. The film is produced by Wren Arthur, Guy Stodel, Peter Saraf and Turtletaub.

"I could not be more pleased than to partner with Michael Barker, Tom Bernard and their team at Sony Pictures Classics," said director Marc Turtletaub. "Their experience and success in the business is unmatched and their passion and commitment to this film is undeniable."

Michael Barker added, "Director Marc Turtletaub has made one of the freshest, most endearing independent films in years. Kelly Macdonald's career best performance offers one surprise after another. Irrfan Khan is right up there with her. So original, so moving, so entertaining, *Puzzle* will be a movie embraced by everyone. We are also so pleased to be in business with our friends Peter Saraf at Big Beach, Wren Arthur and Guy Stodel."

## **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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