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# SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

## **SONY PICTURES CLASSICS TO RELEASE GUS VAN SANT'S RESTLESS IN NORTH AMERICA**

**NEW YORK (March 31, 2011)** – Sony Pictures Classics announced today that they will release Gus Van Sant's new film, *RESTLESS*, in North America, with Sony Pictures Releasing International distributing the film in the rest of the world. Jason Lew penned the film's script that stars Henry Hopper, Mia Wasikowska, Ryo Kase, Schuyler Fisk and Luisa Strus. *RESTLESS* is produced by Bryce Dallas Howard, Brian Grazer and Ron Howard under the Imagine Entertainment banner and Columbia Pictures. SPC expects a fall release.

Van Sant assembled a world class crew to work on *RESTLESS*, director of photographer Harris Savides (*MILK*, *AMERICAN GANGSTER*, *ZODIAC*), production designer Anne Ross (*LOST IN TRANSLATION*, *SOMEWHERE*, *THE SQUID AND THE WHALE*), editor Elliot Graham (*X MEN*, *SUPERMAN RETURNS*, *MILK*), costume designer Danny Glicker (*UP IN THE AIR*, *MILK*, *THANK YOU FOR SMOKING*) and music by Danny Elfman (*ALICE IN WONDERLAND*, *MILK*, *SPIDERMAN*).

*RESTLESS* is a powerful and emotional coming of age story that centers on the relationship of two outsiders brought together by unforeseen circumstances. The story of friendship becomes an engaging and provocative love story.

"Having known and admired Gus' work for years, we are so pleased to be releasing his newest film, which to our mind, is one of his very best. We are also thrilled to be working with producer Bryce Howard and the impressive team at Imagine," states 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 25 Academy Awards® (24 of those at Sony Pictures Classics) and have garnered over 100 Academy Award® nominations (93 at Sony Pictures Classics) including Best Picture nominations for *AN EDUCATION*, *CAPOTE*, *HOWARDS END*, and *CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON*.

### **ABOUT SONY PICTURES ENTERTAINMENT**

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