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SONY PICTURES CLASSICS ACQUIRES JACQUES AUDIARD'S RUST & BONE

NEW YORK (February 1, 2012) - Sony Pictures Classics announced today that they have acquired all North American, Latin American and Eastern European rights to Jacques Audiard's (A PROPHET) RUST & BONE from Hengameh Panahi of Celluloid Dreams. The film recently wrapped production.

The film was co-written by Jacques Audiard and Thomas Bidegain and adapted from the acclaimed book of short stories by Craig Davidson. Just as he did with the prison genre in A PROPHET, Jacques Audiard will renew the love story with RUST AND BONE, his stirring new film filled with romance and suspense.

RUST & BONE stars Academy Award® winner Marion Cotillard (LA VIE EN ROSE, MIDNIGHT IN PARIS) and Matthias Schoenarts (BULLHEAD), and is produced by Pascal Caucheteux, who SPC had previously worked with on the features, OF GODS & MEN and A PROPHET.

"Jacques Audiard is one of Europe's finest directors, and the same goes for producer Pascal Caucheteux. We are thrilled to be working with them, and Hengameh Panahi of Celluloid Dreams, once again," said 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 27 Academy Awards® (23 of those at Sony Pictures Classics) and have garnered 124 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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