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SONY PICTURES CLASSICS ACQUIRES “THE SILENT MAN” STARRING LIAM NEESON AND DIANE LANE

WATERGATE WHISTLEBLOWER DRAMA TAKES ON RENEWED RELEVANCE AMIDST CURRENT WHITE HOUSE INVESTIGATION



NEW YORK (May 25, 2017) – Sony Pictures Classics announced today that they have acquired the North American rights to *The Silent Man*, the film based on the life of Mark Felt, the secret high-ranking FBI informant during the Watergate scandal who is famously known as “Deep Throat.” *The Silent Man* is set for a September release, as the recent political turmoil has sparked a renewed public interest in Felt’s story.

Written and directed by Peter Landesman (*Concussion*), the film was produced by Scott Free, MadRiver Pictures, Endurance Media, Torridon Films, and Riverstone Pictures with Ridley Scott, Giannina Scott, Marc Butan, Anthony Katagas, Landesman, Steve Richards and Jay Roach producing. The film was executive produced by Yale Badik, Des Carey, Colin Wilson, Peter Guber, Jeffrey Vinik, Nik Bower, Deepak Nayar and Michael Schaefer.

The Silent Man features an all-star cast including Academy Award® nominated Liam Neeson (*Schindler’s List*, *Taken*) in the title role of Mark Felt, as well as Diane Lane (*Unfaithful*), Marton Csokas (*The Equalizer*), Josh Lucas (*The Lincoln Lawyer*), Tony Goldwyn (“Scandal”), Michael C. Hall (“Dexter”), Tom Sizemore (“Black Hawk Down”), Wendi McLendon-Covey (*Bridesmaids*), Ike Barinholtz (*Suicide Squad*), Bruce Greenwood (*Star Trek*), Brian D’Arcy James (*Spotlight*), Kate Walsh (“Private Practice”), Noah Wyle (*W.*), and Maika Monroe (*It Follows*).

“Mark Felt was one of the most instrumental figures in American history and yet very little is known of him and the risks he took to reveal the truth. This is an incredible story well told by Peter and his creative team, with a top-notch cast led by an extraordinary performance from Liam. This film could be not more timely and relevant for audiences,” said Sony Pictures Classics.

The Silent Man centers on “Deep Throat”, the pseudonym given to the notorious whistleblower for one of the greatest scandals of all time, Watergate. The true identity of the secret informant remained a mystery and source of much public curiosity and speculation for more than 30 years. That is until, in 2005, special agent Mark Felt shockingly revealed himself as the tipster. This unbelievable true story chronicles the personal and professional life of the brilliant and uncompromising Felt, who risked and ultimately sacrificed everything – his family, his career, his freedom – in the name of justice.

The deal was negotiated between CAA and SPC.

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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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