



PRESS RELEASE

Picture Tree International Kicks Off with an International Line-Up in Cannes / First Co-Production Project with Strategic Partners in Finland and Canada

Berlin, May 14, 2013 – Berlinale/EFM 2013 launched Sales & Production outfit **Picture Tree International GmbH (PTI)**, is kicking off with a strong international line-up at the Cannes Film Market (May 15-26, 2013). PTI will act as the German co-production partner and international distributor for the project **HUMAN** from IRON SKY producer Tero Kaukomaa and Canadian producers Dean English and Karen Powell. Also included in the PTI Cannes portfolio are the South African comedy **BLITZ PATROLLIE** starring comedian David Kau, **YOUNG PEREZ**, the true story of the Jewish-Tunisian boxer Victor Perez during the Second World War, and **UNTITLED PUNK MOVIE**, an English-Swedish co-production starring British singer Paloma Faith and set during the Sex Pistols' legendary "Anarchy in the UK" tour in 1976.

HUMAN is the first project to implement PTI's integrated sales & production business model with its strategic partners Blind Spot Pictures (Finland) and Perfect Circle Productions (Canada).

The thriller **HUMAN** directed by Antti-Jussi Annila (**JADE WARRIOR**, **SAUNA**) is a Finnish-Canadian-German co-production from IRON SKY producer Tero Kaukomaa (Blind Spot Pictures, FI) together with **THE TIMEKEEPER** producers Dean English and Karen Powell (Perfect Circle Productions, CAN). Picture Tree International boards as German co-producer as well as international distribution partner. **HUMAN** revolves around three scientists researching a pack of wolves in northern Canada. When one of the wolves attacks a female scientist, she bites the wolf back in horror-filled vengeance. That same night, a naked, disoriented and blood-soaked man appears in the camp followed by an aggressive pack of wolves. Filming is scheduled to begin in 2014.

South Africa's most acclaimed and internationally celebrated comedian David Kau joins with Joe Rasdien, yet another South African comedian, author and actor, to play the leads in Andrew Wessels' wacky, fast-paced comedy **BLITZ PATROLLIE**, which premiered in South Africa on May 10, 2013. The two men play Johannesburg policemen Ace Diklobe (Kau) and Rummy Augustine (Rasdien), who accidentally get involved in a major drug deal. What follows is an ostensibly unavoidable series of failed attempts by the two cops to outsmart the savviest gangsters in the city. **BLITZ PATROLLIE** is being released in South Africa by the National Film and Video Foundation South Africa (NFVF) in cooperation with Nu Metro Film (NMF). Screenings in Cannes: May 17, 2013 at 4pm (ARCADE 2), May 19, 2013 at 1:30pm (STAR 4)

Jacques Ouaniche's historical drama **YOUNG PEREZ** is based on the true and heartbreaking story of two-time boxing World Champion Victor Perez, who was born and raised in Tunis' Jewish quarter. Perez's older brother, Benjamin "Kid" Perez, was also a boxer and first introduced him to the sport. At the 1931 and 1932 World Championships, Victor became the youngest champion in the history of boxing. In 1943, he was deported to Auschwitz, where he was forced to take part in brutal boxing matches for the entertainment of the guards. He was shot in 1945 during the death march that followed the dissolution of the camp. In the film, the lead role of Victor Perez is played by French-Algerian actor Brahim Asloum, himself a former professional boxer and 2007 World Champion. The ensemble also includes Bruce Payne (**PASSENGER 57**) and Isabella Orsini (**REMEMBER ME, MY LOVE**). **YOUNG PEREZ** is



currently in post-production and aiming for a fall festival premiere 2013. In France, VICTOR YOUNG PEREZ will launch towards the end of 2013 in wide release via Océan Films. The film is a French-Israeli-Bulgarian co-production from Noé Productions and Mazel Productions in co-production with Transfax Films (Israel) and Pierantoni and Partners (Bulgaria).

Wayne Holloway's (SNAKE AND MONGOOSE) **UNTITLED PUNK MOVIE** tells the story of four young Brits who – after the Sex Pistols' legendary TV appearance in 1976 – take off from four different corners of the country on a quest to reach the band's "Anarchy in the UK" concert in Norwich and then follow their legendary UK tour across England. British platinum-selling recording artist Paloma Faith plays one of the four main roles in this road movie. Filming will get underway in fall 2013 on this independent film produced by Wellington Films and Zentropa Sweden. The UK distribution is currently in final negotiations and will be announced during the Cannes Film Market.

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Picture Tree International GmbH is an internationally aligned and integrated world sales and production company with headquarters in Berlin. The core business of Picture Tree International is worldwide licensing of film rights and co-production of international feature films in an integrated business model. Andreas Rothbauer and Alec Schulmann have jointly founded the company. Their first collaboration goes back to 2005, when they worked on the Oscar-nominated film “Mongol: The Rise of Genghis Khan” (2007).

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