

## ***Picture Tree Acquires Paulo Coelho Biopic ‘The Pilgrim’ (EXCLUSIVE)***



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LONDON — Berlin-based international sales and production outfit Picture Tree Intl. has secured the global distribution rights for the [Paulo Coelho](http://variety.com/t/paulo-coelho/) (<http://variety.com/t/paulo-coelho/>) biopic “The Pilgrim — the Best Story of Paulo Coelho” from Brazilian production house Cuatro Dama Filmes.

Coelho’s 30 novels — including “The Alchemist” and “Adultery” — have been translated into 80 languages, distributed in 224 countries and sold more than 165 million copies.

“The Pilgrim” retraces Coelho’s own story, which was the chief inspiration for his work. He flirted with death, escaped madness, experimented with drugs, overcame torture, made rock-and-roll history in Brazil, and found fame as a writer.

Julio Andrade (“Serra Pelada,” “Gonzaga de Pai Para Filho”) shares the role of the writer with his younger brother, newcomer Ravel Andrade. The cast also features Fabiana Gugli (“Blindness”) and Lucci Ferreira in the role of Coelho’s music partner Raul Seixas. Nancho Novo (“Lovers of the Arctic Circle”) and Paz Vega (“Spanglish,” “Sex and Lucia”) complete the cast.

“The Pilgrim” is written by Brazilian screenwriter Carolina Kotscho (“2 Sons of Francisco”) and directed by documentary filmmaker Daniel Augusto (“Amazonia Desconhecida”).

A Brazilian-Spanish co-production, “The Pilgrim” is produced by former Sony Pictures Entertainment production executive Iona de Macedo (“Lope”), along with Carolina Kotscho, through their Sao Paulo-based company Dama Filmes, and by Spain’s Angelica Huete (“Chico & Rita”), through her Babel Films.

The film was financed primarily through private investments raised by Brazilian advisory Firm G5|Evercore as well as by local public funds.

“The Pilgrim” will have a wide Brazilian release by Sony Pictures on Aug. 14.

Picture Tree was co-founded early last year by Andreas Rothbauer and Alec Schulmann, who first worked together in 2005 on the Oscar-nominated film “Mongol: The Rise of Genghis Khan.”