

## Music Box Films flocks to *The Pilgrim*

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Picture Tree International sells Paulo Coelho biopic to Music Box Films for US.

Music Box Films has acquired North American distribution rights to *The Pilgrim - Paulo Coelho's Best Story* from Picture Tree International (PTI).

The deal was negotiated by William Schopf, president of Music Box Films, and Andreas Rothbauer, managing director and founder of PTI.

Directed by Daniel Augusto and written by Carolina Kotscho, *The Pilgrim* chronicles the life of Paulo Coelho from misunderstood boy and rebellious youth to best-selling author. Coelho's work has been translated into 80 languages and sold over 165m copies. The film will screen at the EFM.

Rothbauer commented: "We are very glad that Music Box has taken on North American distribution of *The Pilgrim*. Their proven track record in turning foreign-language films into critical and financial successes in the US speaks for itself. I could not think of a better home in North America for this Brazilian biopic about world-famous writer Paulo Coelho."

"Coelho is one of the most influential authors of all time. We look forward to sharing his fascinating life story with his millions of fans and those not yet familiar with his work," added Schopf.

PTI's EFM slate also includes Panorama opener *Blue Blood* and Generation Competition title *You're Ugly Too*.