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A COMPANY will release Cannes winner LEVIATHAN in Russia

Acclaimed feature film LEVIATHAN will be distributed by A COMPANY RUSSIA on November 13th, 2014. It will be a wide release in cooperation with 20th Century Fox Russia. Directed by Andrey Zvyagintsev and produced by Alexander Rodnyansky and Sergey Melkumov, the film got awarded for Best Screenplay during Cannes Film Festival 2014 and was nominated for Palme d'Or.

LEVIATHAN, which is an interpretation of the biblical story of Job, told in the context of contemporary Russia, is the directors fourth feature, and lines up with his previous celebrated films: THE RETURN, which won the Golden Lion Award for Best Film at the Venice Film Festival; THE BANISHMENT, which received the Best Actor Award at the Cannes Film Festival; and ELENA, which was awarded the Un Certain Regard Special Jury Prize at Cannes Film Festival.

"We are proud to release such a great film and to continue and extend the relationship with A.R. Films and Non-Stop Productions. With LEVIATHAN we follow our distribution strategy to add local production to our lineup," says Alexander van Dülmen, CEO of A COMPANY FILMED ENTERTAINMENT.

After the world premiere in Cannes this year and numerous awarded festival screenings like Grand Prix at Munich International Film Festival, LEVIATHAN just recently saw its North America debut during Toronto International Film Festival in its most prestigious "Masters" program. It also screened during Telluride Film Festival, the festival which is traditionally considered as the first showcase of the upcoming Oscar season. Sony Classics will be releasing in the US.

"Zvyagintsev is a unique artist. Each of his films is a major artistic tour-de-force and a grueling journey for the director himself. Leviathan is an unusual film for Andrey Zvyagintsev, with its extensive ensemble of characters and intricate staging. It is a modern-day story with a brilliant cast, sure to resonate with general audiences and sophisticated connoisseurs of world cinema alike," notes producer Alexander Rodnyansky. "Zvyagintsev director's view is distinctive and contemporary, though he is deeply devoted to the Russian culture. His cinema is parable, full of symbols and poetry of Christian stories, his films are always very emotional, piercing, exact and they possess universal content and therefore they cross easily the borders of Russian-speaking world. Their recognition at the international film festivals and among the viewers all over the world is a pure evidence of this fact".

LEVIATHAN is produced by Non-Stop Production, with financial support from the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation and the Federal Fund for Social and Economic Support of National Cinematography, as well as the Russian arts foundation RuArts. Established in 2005, Non-Stop Production is owned by producers Alexander Rodnyansky and Sergey Melkumov. It is a leading player in the Russian film industry, and one of the 13 major studios in the Russian market whose projects enjoy state support.

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