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Russian deal for Cannes winner Leviathan

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A Company to release Andrey Zvyagintsev's drama in Russia.

Russian drama **Leviathan** has secured distribution in its home country, four months after it won the Best Screenplay prize at the Cannes Film Festival.

The drama, from director Andrey Zvyagintsev and producer Alexander Rodnyansky, will receive a wide release by A Company on Nov 13, in cooperation with 20th Century Fox Russia.

The film is an interpretation of the biblical story of Job, told in the context of contemporary Russia. It is set on a peninsula by the Barents Sea and tells the story of a man who struggles against a corrupt mayor who wants his piece of land.

Leviathan marks from fourth feature from Zvyagintsev following Venice Golden Lion winner *The Return* (2003); Cannes best actor winner *The Banishment* (2007); and *Elena* (2011), which won the Un Certain Regard Special Jury Prize at Cannes.

Following its world premiere at Cannes in May, *Leviathan* recently received its North American debut at the Toronto International Film Festival and also screened during Telluride.

Sony Pictures Classics will release in the US.

Leviathan was 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.

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