

PRESS RELEASE**STUDIOCANAL, BLUEPRINT PICTURES AND BBC FILMS ANNOUNCE
THE NEXT JAMES MARSH PROJECT, STARRING COLIN FIRTH**

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STUDIOCANAL, Blueprint Pictures and BBC Films today announce the highly anticipated project based on the true story of amateur sailor Donald Crowhurst, and his attempt to win the first round the World Yacht Race in 1968. James Marsh will direct the film, Colin Firth will star as Donald Crowhurst.

Produced by Pete Czernin, Graham Broadbent and Scott Z. Burns, alongside Nicolas Mauvernay and Jacques Perrin of Galatee, the project has been developed with Christine Langan from BBC Films and STUDIOCANAL.

Scott Z. Burns has written the screenplay.

STUDIOCANAL is financing with BBC Films and will distribute the film in its territories and will handle international sales, starting in Berlin.

The film will start Principal Photography Spring 2015.

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About STUDIOCANAL

STUDIOCANAL is a subsidiary of the CANAL+ Group. It is one of Europe's leading companies in the market for co-production, acquisition, distribution of international feature films and TV series. STUDIOCANAL is the only studio operating simultaneously in the three main European territories - France, the United Kingdom and Germany - as well as in Australia and New Zealand. Additionally, STUDIOCANAL owns one of the most important libraries in the world, with more than 5,000 international titles.

STUDIOCANAL has developed strong international production ambitions.

It fully financed BAFTA winner TINKER, TAILOR, SOLDIER, SPY starring Gary Oldman, the Coen's INSIDE LLEWYN DAVIS, Jury's Grand Prize winner at the 2013 Cannes Film Festival; International block buster NON-STOP directed by Jaume Collet-Serra, with Liam Neeson. More recently the studio also invested in THE GUNMAN directed by Pierre Morel with Sean

Penn, Javier Bardem and Idris Elba; MACBETH starring Michael Fassbender and Marion Cotillard ; BASTILLE DAY with Idris Elba; Stephen Frears's film about Lance Armstrong's story starring Ben Foster and Guillaume Canet.
Finally STUDIOCANAL distributes THE IMITATION GAME in France and in the UK, and the record breaking HUNGER GAMES saga in Germany.

STUDIOCANAL also is very involved in family and animation films. PADDINGTON, released in December 2014 produced by Harry Potter's producer David Heyman, is a world success. SHAUN THE SHEEP, Aardman Animations' famous character, will start its big screen career this year. But also ERNEST & CELESTINE, Best Animated Feature César winner and Academy Award nominee, amongst many other prizes and nominations.

Moreover STUDIOCANAL has an exclusive deal with Belgian company nWave, a European leader in 3D production (SAMMY's adventures, HOUSE OF MAGIC...)

Finally STUDIOCANAL is also actively developing into international TV series, strengthening its position as a European leader in content.

STUDIOCANAL is a major shareholder in Tandem (CROSSING LINES, new CANAL + CREATION ORIGINALE series SPOTLESS...) and RED Production Company, British producers of high-standard TV series (HAPPY VALLEY, PREY, THE DRIVER which all broke audience rankings in the UK).

In May 2014, STUDIOCANAL, CANAL+ Group, the writers and creators Søren Sveistrup and Adam Price, and producer & CEO Meta Louise Foldager launched a new production company : SAM Productions ApS.