



Cinedigm Enlists SGT. WILL GARDNER for North America

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Max Martini and Omari Hardwick Lead a Stellar Ensemble Cast

LOS ANGELES and NEW YORK, Oct. 24, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Cinedigm Corp (NASDAQ: CIDM) announced today that it has acquired North American distribution rights to the powerful military drama, SGT. WILL GARDNER, starring **Max Martini** (13 Hours, Captain Phillips), **Omari Hardwick** (Starz's POWER, SORRY TO BOTHER YOU), **Lily Rabe** (F/X's American Horror Story), **Dermot Mulroney** (INSIDIOUS: CHAPTER 3), **Robert Patrick** (CBS's Scorpion, Terminator 2), **Elisabeth Röhm** (Law & Order), **JoBeth Williams** (Poltergeist), **Luis Bordonada** (Barracuda), **Leo Martini** (Edge) and **Gary Sinise** (CBS's CSI: NY, Forrest Gump). Cinedigm will release the picture in select theaters, On Demand and Digital in January 2019 with a Blu-ray™ and DVD release to follow later in the year.

Written and directed by Martini, SGT. WILL GARDNER was produced by Martini and filmmaking partner, Michael Hagerty, under their production banner, Mona Vista Productions.

The picture follows Iraq War veteran Will Gardner (Martini) who suffers from PTSD and the lingering effects of a traumatic brain injury (TBI), which he sustained years earlier when he and his platoon, led by his fellow soldier and best friend, Tops (Hardwick), came under attack. Enduring painful flashbacks to his harrowing combat days and humiliating setbacks in the present, Will sets out on a spirited motorcycle journey across America in hopes of reconciling with his young son and former wife (Röhm). Along the way, he encounters other veterans and a young woman (Rabe) who will push him to confront some of his most painful memories in hopes of finally finding some peace and closure.

Mona Vista Productions will donate a portion of the film's proceeds to three charities which support veterans suffering from Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), PTSD and veteran homelessness: Higher Ground, Warriors Heart and the Gary Sinise Foundation.

"With unwavering honesty and a keen eye for detail, SGT. WILL GARDNER navigates powerful emotional terrain and bravely addresses the complicated issues faced by veterans once they return home," said Yolanda Macias, Cinedigm's Executive Vice-President of Acquisitions. "Buoyed by stand-out performances and Max's compelling direction, the picture delivers a timely, important message which we are proud to support."

"My hope with SGT. WILL GARDNER is to raise awareness for the on-going battles which returning soldiers encounter," said Martini. "In partnering with Cinedigm for distribution, I am excited about the opportunity to reach a wide audience, including veterans and military families and friends, in hopes of lifting some of the stigma associated with TBI and PTSD and encourage those struggling to seek help."

"Having witnessed firsthand the emotional impact and lingering effects on soldiers wounded in battle, we really appreciate the filmmakers' commitment to not only empathize and inspire with their storytelling, but also contribute in a meaningful way to the Gary Sinise Foundation's mission supporting the brave men and women who continue to put themselves in harm's way to protect our freedom," said Retired Four Star General and Gary Sinise Foundation CEO Robin Rand.

Executive Producers are Mary Vernieu, Tanya Hill and Matthew Hanson.

The deal was negotiated by Melody Fowler, Vice-President of Acquisitions for Cinedigm, and ICM on behalf of the filmmakers

ABOUT CINEDIGM

Cinedigm (NASDAQ: CIDM) powers custom content solutions to the world's largest retail, media and technology companies. The global company provides premium feature films and series to digital platforms including Netflix, Amazon, Xumo, Roku, Vizio, Dish/Sling, Apple, and Google plus cable/satellite providers including Comcast, Dish Network and DirectTV in addition to major retailers including Wal-Mart and Target. Leveraging Cinedigm's unique capabilities, content and technology, the company has emerged as a leader in the fast-growing digital-first channel business, with seven networks under management that reach hundreds of millions of devices while also providing premium content and service expertise to the entire digital-first ecosystem. With reciprocal distribution partnerships in both the United States and China, Cinedigm's growing stable of platforms has unprecedented availability in the two largest markets in the world. Learn more about Cinedigm at cinedigm.com.

ABOUT MONA VISTA PRODUCTIONS

Mona Vista Productions is a new film and television production company started by Max Martini and Michael Hagerty in 2018. Prior to **Sgt. Will Gardner**, MVP raised financing for the (2019) independent film **What The Night Can Do**. MVP recently closed a deal with A&E Studios to produce a television series entitled **Steeltown**. Currently MVP is putting together financing for feature film screenplays **Bufalotta** and **Crime Games**. Both penned by Martini. MVP is currently in talks to develop and produce a series of action movies to begin production in 2019.

FILM DETAILS

Distribution Company: Cinedigm

Written by: Max Martini

Directed by: Max Martini

Starring: Max Martini, Omari Hardwick, Lily Rabe, Dermot Mulroney, Robert Patrick, Luis Bordonada, Leo Martini and Gary Sinise

Running Time: 125 Minutes

Rating: Not Rated

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