



**INDEPENDENT ANNOUNCES 'JAWBONE' AS NEW TITLE FOR BOXING DRAMA WITH  
VERTIGO RELEASING ON BOARD FOR DISTRIBUTION IN THE UK**

**BERLIN. Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016.** Andrew Orr's London based international sales outfit **Independent** today announced the new title for previously announced boxing drama as **JAWBONE**. Vertigo Releasing have picked up the UK distribution rights ahead of the EFM where Independent will be pre-selling the film.

The film will be directed by **Thomas Napper** and was written by **Johnny Harris**. Harris will also be starring along side **Ray Winstone** and **Michael Smiley**, with **Ian McShane** now on board to round out the cast.

Music will come from rock icon **Paul Weller**, while famed boxing legend **Barry McGuigan** and revered trainer **Shane McGuigan** have prepared Harris for the role and are consultants on the film. Emu Films' Mike Elliott will produce, with Revolutions Films' Andrew Eaton serving as Executive Producer. Christine Langan and Nichola Martin are Executive Producers for BBC Films who have developed the project with Creative England and are financing with LipSync Productions LLP.

JAWBONE is the story of a former youth boxing champion. Jimmy McCabe (Harris) is a man in search of hope but looking in all the wrong places. When he hits rock bottom he turns to his childhood boxing club and the only family he has left: gym owner Bill (Winstone) and cornerman Eddie (Smiley). Back in training, years after anyone thought he was a contender, he will risk his life to stand tall and to regain his place in the world.

The film will start production on February 29<sup>th</sup>.

Rupert Preston of Vertigo said: "We are thrilled to be on board this powerful and visceral film - it has all the ingredients to become a cult classic."

Mike Elliott of Emu Films said: "Vertigo, Independent & Jawbone are an exciting combination. They share our appetite for delivering this dynamic & soulful story to a wide audience."

Andrew Orr of Independent said: "Vertigo are the perfect distributor for this quality and commercial Film. We are delighted that Ian McShane is joining such a fantastic ensemble "

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#### **ABOUT INDEPENDENT:**

Independent specializes in the development, financing, production and distribution of independent feature films. Led by CEO Luc Roeg, who has over twenty years experience in the film business, Independent has a team of highly motivated and experienced professionals with expertise in project development, production, structured finance, distribution, sales and marketing.

Independent's last production was *The Falling* by upcoming British filmmaker Carol Morley, released in the UK in April 2015. Previously, Independent produced John Banville's Booker Prize winning novel *The Sea* which premiered at the Toronto Film Festival and Tolstoy adaptation *Boxing Day* which premiered at the Venice Film Festival. In 2011 Independent produced the critically acclaimed adaptation of Lionel Shriver's novel *We Need To Talk About Kevin*, directed by Lynne Ramsay, which had its world premiere at the Cannes Film Festival.

Independent also acquires third party rights to manage through its sales and distribution divisions, led by Andrew Orr. Latest titles include Mat Whitecross's as yet untitled OASIS documentary and Thomas Napper's JAWBONE starring Ray Winstone, Michael Smiley and Johnny Harris – both currently in production. *I Am Not A Serial Killer* directed by Billy O'Brien and starring Max Records and Christopher Lloyd is in post production along with the ultimate documentary on Iggy Pop and The Stooges by acclaimed filmmaker Jim Jarmusch. Recent titles on the slate also include David Mackenzie's *Starred Up*, released by Fox Searchlight in the UK, *Hyena* by Gerard Johnson, which premiered in Toronto and *What We Did On Our Holiday*, released by Lionsgate.

#### **ABOUT VERTIGO RELEASING:**

Vertigo Releasing is one of the leading independent all-rights distributors in the UK. It releases independent films that have the ability to crossover into the mainstream. Recent releases include *DIARY OF A TEENAGE GIRL* and *MAGGIE* and family films *BILL* and *MOOMINS ON THE RIVIERA*. Our previous releases (*Streetdance 1 and 2*, *Bronson*, *Monsters*, *Horrid Henry*, *Springbreakers*) have grossed over \$60M at the UK Box office.