
SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

SONY PICTURES CLASSICS TO RELEASE ROMAN POLANSKI'S CARNAGE IN NORTH AMERICA

NEW YORK (April 14, 2011) – Sony Pictures Classics announced today that they will release Roman Polanski's new film, *CARNAGE*, in North America. Polanski penned the script with Yasmina Reza, which is adapted from Reza's 2009 Tony Award® winning play *God of Carnage*. *CARNAGE* is produced by Said Ben Said (*THE WITNESSES*, *THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN*) and stars Jodie Foster, Kate Winslet, Christoph Waltz and John C. Reilly. SPC expects an end of year release.

Sony Pictures Classics acquired the film from Said Ben Said and ICM's Jeff Berg.

Polanski assembled an all-star crew to work on *CARNAGE*, director of photographer Pawel Edelman (*THE GHOST WRITER*, *RAY*, *THE PIANIST*), production designer Dean Tavoularis (*THE NINTH GATE*, *THE GODFATHER*, *THE OUTSIDERS*), editor Herve de Luze (*THE GHOST WRITER*, *WILD GRASS*, *TELL NO ONE*), costume designer Milena Canonero (*DARJEELING LIMITED*, *MARIE ANTOINETTE*, *A CLOCKWORK ORANGE*) and composer Alberto Iglesias (*TALK TO HER*, *VOLVER*, *THE CONSTANT GARDENER*, *THE KITE RUNNER*).

Set in contemporary Brooklyn, New York, *CARNAGE* centers on two pairs of parents one of whose child has hurt the other at a public park, who meet to discuss the matter in a civilized manner. However, as the evening goes on, the parents become increasingly childish, resulting in the evening devolving into chaos.

"In today's world of moviemaking, Roman Polanski, his screenwriting partner Yasmina Reza, his cast, his crew, and his producer Said Ben Said represent the best of the best. We are so fortunate and pleased to bring *CARNAGE*, which promises to be an experience of intense emotion and hilarity, to the American audiences," states Sony Pictures Classics.

Said Ben Said and Sony Pictures Classics last worked together on the film *I'VE LOVED YOU SO LONG*.

ABOUT SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

Michael Barker and Tom Bernard serve as co-presidents of Sony Pictures Classics—an autonomous division of Sony Pictures Entertainment they founded with Marcie Bloom in January 1992, which distributes, produces, and acquires independent films from around the world.

Barker and Bernard have released prestigious films that have won 25 Academy Awards® (24 of those at Sony Pictures Classics) and have garnered over 100 Academy Award® nominations (93 at Sony Pictures Classics) including Best Picture nominations for *AN EDUCATION*, *CAPOTE*, *HOWARDS END*, and *CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON*.

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