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# SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

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## **SONY PICTURES CLASSICS ACQUIRES XAVIER BEAUVOIS' OF GODS AND MEN**

**NEW YORK, NY (May 21, 2010)** – Sony Pictures Classics announced today that they have acquired all rights in the US and Australia/New Zealand to OF GODS AND MEN from sales agent Wild Bunch. The film directed by Xavier Beauvois and written by Beauvois and Etienne Comar is In Competition at Cannes and has played to great acclaim.

The film is produced by Pascal Caucheteux for Why Not Productions (A PROPHET) in conjunction with Etienne Comar, Armada Films and France 3 Cinema T.

A monastery high in the mountains of the Maghreb, some time in the 90s...OF GODS AND MEN tells the tale of eight French Christian monks who live in harmony with their Muslim brothers. But violence and terror are slowly taking hold of the region. Despite the ever-growing danger that surrounds them, the monks' resolve to stay - whatever the cost - grows stronger day by day...

"Audiences are going to love this important movie. We are honored to bring it to them and are happy to be working again with our friends at Wild Bunch and producer Pascal Caucheteux," said Sony Pictures Classics.

### **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® (22 of those at Sony Pictures Classics) and have garnered over 100 Academy Award® nominations (85 at Sony Pictures Classics) including Best Picture nominations for AN EDUCATION, CAPOTE, HOWARDS END, AND CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON.

### **ABOUT SONY PICTURES ENTERTAINMENT**

Sony Pictures Entertainment (SPE) is a subsidiary of Sony Corporation of America (SCA), a subsidiary of Tokyo-based Sony Corporation. SPE's global operations encompass motion picture production and distribution; television production and distribution; digital content creation and distribution; worldwide channel investments; home entertainment acquisition and distribution; operation of studio facilities; development of new entertainment products, services, and technologies; and distribution of filmed entertainment in more than 100 countries. Sony Pictures Entertainment can be found at <http://www.sonypictures.com>.