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SONY PICTURES CLASSICS ACQUIRES JOSEPH CEDAR'S PALME D'OR CONTENDER FOOTNOTE

NEW YORK (MAY 13, 2011) – Sony Pictures Classics announced today that they have acquired all North American and Latin American rights to Joseph Cedar's FOOTNOTE from WestEnd Films. The film is a contender for the 2011 Cannes Film Festival Palme D'Or.

Cedar's last film BEAUFORT was nominated for Best Foreign Language Film in 2008.

FOOTNOTE follows a great rivalry between a father and his son, their need for each other and their need for respect and recognition in the world. The film stars Shlomo Bar Aba and Lior Ashkenazi, and was produced by David Mandill (BEAUFORT, CAMPFIRE) and United King (LEBANON, WALK ON WATER).

"Sony Pictures Classics represents the best in world cinema," explained WestEnd chairman and co-founder Sharon Harel. "They are the perfect home for this wonderful film and very special director."

"When we met Joseph Cedar a few years ago, we knew he was a director of extraordinary talent. We are thrilled that he and our friends at WestEnd have agreed to be partners with us on what promises to be a major American release," stated Sony Pictures Classics.

Sony Pictures Classics negotiated the deal with WestEnd Films and ICM, the agents for Joseph Cedar.

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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