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# SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

## ZHANG YIMOU COMES HOME TO SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

*Film marks twelfth collaboration with the filmmaker and Sony Classics Team*

**NEW YORK (February 18, 2014)** - Sony Pictures Classics announced today that they have acquired all rights in North America, Latin America, Australia and New Zealand to Zhang Yimou's COMING HOME starring Gong Li. The film, currently in post-production, is produced by Bill Kong and LeVision Pictures' Zhang Zhao. Lava Bear Films' David Linde executive produced.

Inspired by Yan Geling's "THE CRIMINAL LU YANSHI with a screenplay written by Jingshi Zou, COMING HOME is a romance drama chronicling the journey of a Chinese dissident (Chen Daoming) from the 1920's to the 1990's.

COMING HOME marks the twelfth collaboration between the Sony Pictures Classics team and Zhang Yimou, dating back to the 1991 Orion Classics release of RAISE THE RED LANTERN. Other films include HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS, SHANGHAI TRIAD, THE STORY OF QIU JU and CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER. The film will also be SPC's sixth collaboration with Producer Bill Kong which began in 2000 with Ang Lee's Academy Award winning CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON.

LeVision Pictures are the primary financier of the film and will distribute the film throughout China. Wild Bunch International holds the international sales agency rights. Yimou, Kong and Linde have collaborated on multiple Yimou-directed titles, including HERO, HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS and THE FLOWERS OF WAR.

The deal was negotiated between Sony Pictures Classics and Wild Bunch.

## 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 31 Academy Awards® (27 of those at Sony Pictures Classics) and have garnered 140 Academy Award® nominations (114 at Sony Pictures Classics) including Best Picture nominations for AMOUR, MIDNIGHT IN PARIS, AN EDUCATION, CAPOTE, HOWARDS END, AND CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON.

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