



SUMMIT ENTERTAINMENT TO REMAKE THE 1986 SCI-FI CLASSIC *HIGHLANDER*

Art Marcum and Matt Holloway to Pen the Project for the Big Screen

Los Angeles, CA May 20, 2008 – Summit Entertainment has announced today that it will produce a re-imagined film based on the 1986 sci-fi thriller HIGHLANDER. Art Marcum and Matt Holloway will pen the screenplay expanding on the original film’s core mythology of immortals battling amongst us, hunting each other down for the mysterious prize. Summit acquired the rights to remake the cult classic from Davis/Panzer Productions. Peter Davis, one of the original producers of the 1986 film, will also produce the new version of the film. The original film has developed a dedicated following worldwide and spawned four sequels and two television series.

“I have been a huge fan of the original HIGHLANDER and of its mythology,” said Patrick Wachsberger, Co-Chairman and President of Summit Entertainment. “I have always dreamed of reinventing this franchise; as a brand it is hard to think of one which has greater worldwide recognition with audiences - young and old.”

Erik Feig, Summit’s President of Production stated, “We are extremely excited about embarking on this rebirth of the immortal HIGHLANDER franchise with the supremely talented Art Marcum and Matt Holloway. Summit can now say ‘There can be only one.’ Again.”

Peter Davis of Davis/Panzer Productions stated, “I’m delighted to be doing business with the extremely talented creative team at Summit. HIGHLANDER has inspired millions worldwide and I am certain that Patrick, Erik, and Geoff will be faithful to the Highlander Legend and the Highlander Fandom.”

In HIGHLANDER, after centuries of dueling to survive against others like him, Connor MacLeod, an immortal Scottish swordsman must confront the last of his kind, a murderously brutal barbarian, who lusts for the fabled Prize.

Marcum and Holloway most recently wrote the screenplay for the summer blockbuster IRON MAN starring Robert Downey Jr. and Gwyneth Paltrow. Additionally both penned the upcoming action movie THE PUNISHER: WAR ZONE with Ray Stevenson stepping into the title role as well as the remake of Sam Peckinpah's CONVOY.

The original HIGHLANDER starred Christopher Lambert as Connor MacLeod along with other notable talent including Oscar® winner Sean Connery as Juan Sanchez Villa-Lobos Ramirez, Roxanne Hart as Brenda J. Wyatt, and Clancy Brown as The Kurgan.

Feig along with Summit Entertainment's Senior Vice President of Production, Geoff Shaevitz, and Creative Executive, Gillian Bohrer, will oversee the project for the studio. Andrew Matosich, Summit's Executive Vice President of Business Affairs and Karen Barna, Summit's Vice President of Business Affairs, negotiated the deal on behalf of the studio. Alan Grodin of Weissman, Wolf, Bergman, Coleman, Grodin & Evall represented Davis/Panzer Productions in the transaction.

Marcum and Holloway are represented by ICM.

About Summit Entertainment LLC

Summit Entertainment is a worldwide theatrical motion picture development, financing, production and distribution studio. The studio handles all aspects of marketing and distribution for both its own internally developed motion pictures as well as acquired pictures. Summit Entertainment, LLC also represents international sales for both its own slate and third party product. Summit Entertainment, LLC plans to release 10 to 12 films annually.

###

Contact

Paul Pflug 323-658-1555 / paul@pcommgroup.com
Hans Kopal 323-658-1555 / hans@pcommgroup.com



From Variety.com, Tuesday, May20, 2008

Summit sets 'Highlander' remake

Film unit aims to restart franchise

By DAVE MCNARY

Summit Entertainment will produce a remake of fantasy thriller "Highlander" with the aim of kick-starting the franchise.

Summit's signed the "Iron Man" writing team of Art Marcum and Matt Holloway to script, with plans to expand on the original pic's premise of immortals battling each other for a mysterious prize. Company's aiming to go into production next year.

Patrick Wachsberger, Summit's co-chairman and president, said, "I have always dreamed of reinventing this franchise."

Summit production prexy Erik Feig told Daily Variety that the new pic will mix contemporary settings, action, mythology and medieval Scotland.

"We think the franchise will work on a global basis," he added.

Summit acquired the remake rights from Davis/Panzer Prods. It has tapped Peter Davis, one of the producers of the original film, to produce the new version.

The 1986 original was directed by Russell Mulcahy and starred Christopher Lambert, Sean Connery, Clancy Brown and Roxanne Hart. It launched four sequels and three TV spinoffs.

In addition to "Iron Man," Marcum and Holloway also wrote "Convoy" for Par.

Summit has been ramping up operations for the past year from a sales operation into a full-fledged studio with development, financing, production and distribution. It's focused on projects budgeted in the middle range and plans to release 10-12 films annually. Recent pics include "Sex Drive" and Alexander Proyas' "Knowing," currently shooting with Nicolas Cage starring.