



IFC Films snaps up 'Punch' **Company acquires action-thriller from Worldview** **Entertainment**

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IFC Films has snapped up U.S. rights to Eran Creevy's action thriller "Welcome to the Punch" from Worldview Entertainment.

The film, written by Creevy, stars James McAvoy, Mark Strong, and Andrea Riseborough. The project was produced by Rory Aitken and Ben Pugh of Between the Eyes and Brian Kavanaugh Jones of Automatik.

Worldview's Christopher Woodrow, Molly Conners, Maria Cestone and Sarah Johnson Redlich exec produced with Ridley Scott and Liza Marshall of Scott Free Prods., Xavier Marchand of Momentum Pictures and Stuart Ford of IM Global.

Story centers on a former criminal -- played by Strong -- being forced to return to London from his Icelandic hideaway when his son is involved in a heist gone wrong, giving a detective (McAvoy) one last chance to catch the man he has always been after.

The deal for the film was negotiated by Jeff Deutchman for Sundance Selects/IFC Films with CAA on behalf of Worldview. IM Global has international rights to the film.

Worldview's current slate includes Guillaume Canet's crime thriller, "Blood Ties," starring Clive Owen, Zoe Saldana and Mila Kunis; James Gray's untitled epic period drama starring Marion Cotillard, Joaquin Phoenix and Jeremy Renner; Atom Egoyan's West Memphis Three biopic, "Devil's Knot," starring Colin Firth and Reese Witherspoon; and "Killer Joe," from filmmaker William Friedkin, starring Matthew McConaughey and Emile Hirsch.