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Matthew McConaughey's 'Free State of Jones' Gets New Release Date



'The Free State of Jones' STX Entertainment

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In a twinned move, STX Entertainment dates 'The Space Between Us.'

Gary Ross' Civil War drama *The Free State of Jones*, starring Matthew McConaughey, will now hit theaters May 13, instead of March 11. STX Entertainment announced the shift Thursday. In a twinned move, STX dated *The Space Between Us* for July 29.

In *Free State of Jones*, McConaughey plays a soldier for the Confederacy during the Civil War who becomes disillusioned with the South's cause, flees the battlefield and defiantly declares a safe haven in Jones County, Miss., after marrying a former slave.

The shift to May means that *Free State of Jones* will open in the high-profile summer corridor, one week after *Captain America: Civil War* debuts. So far, the only other title slotted to roll out May 13 is Edward Snowden biopic *Snowden*. Keri Russell, Gugu Mbatha-Raw and Mahershala Ali (*House of Cards*) also star in Ross' film. *Free State of Jones* is produced by Scott Stuber, Jon Kilik (*The Hunger Games*) and Ross. STX co-financed the film with IM Global.

IM Global will release internationally, with Route One Entertainment and Union Investment Partners also on board as co-financiers.

Directed by Peter Chelsom, *The Space Between Us* is an adventure romance starring Gary Oldman, Asa Butterfield, Carla Gugino and Britt Robertson. The film follows two teens from different worlds. Gardner Elliot, the first human born on Mars, is secretly raised in an experimental colony after his astronaut mother dies during childbirth. At the age of 16, he begins an online romance with a girl living in Colorado and hatches a plan to travel across the universe to meet her.