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## AFM: Naomi Watts, Elle Fanning, Susan Sarandon Board 'Three Generations' (Exclusive)

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Big Beach ('Our Idiot Brother,' 'Little Miss Sunshine') is producing

**Elle Fanning, Naomi Watts** and **Susan Sarandon** have signed on to star in the drama *Three Generations*.

Written by **Nikole Beckwith**, the film is described as an exploration of identity that centers on a New York City teen, Ray (Fanning), transitioning from female to male and her single mother, Maggie (Watts), who is coming to terms with having to raise her only daughter as a son. At the same time, Maggie's mother Dolly (Sarandon), a quick-witted music manager who shares her brownstone with her lesbian partner Frances, is having a hard time wrapping her head around Ray's life-altering decision and Maggie's inability to move out of the house in which she grew up.

**Gaby Dellal** (*On a Clear Day*) is directing the indie, budgeted in the \$5 million range. Production will begin in New York in early November.

Big Beach co-founders **Peter Saraf** and **Marc Turtletaub** will produce with **Dorothy Berwin** of InFilm Productions. Watts will executive produce along with **Leah Holzer** and **Daniele Melia** of Big Beach and **Peter Pastorelli**.

Big Beach is the production and financing company behind such films as CBS Films' *The Kings of Summer*, FilmDistrict's *Safety Not Guaranteed* and Fox Searchlight's *Little Miss Sunshine*.

**Stuart Ford**'s IM Global will sell the film internationally and will launch sales at this year's AFM. ICM will handle North American sales.

Fanning starred opposite **Angelina Jolie** in *Maleficent* and is wrapping up shooting *Trumbo* with **Bryan Cranston**. She is repped by WME, Echo Lake Entertainment and attorney **Steve Warren**.

Watts is earning praise for her work with **Bill Murray** in *St. Vincent*, currently in limited release, and is shooting *Demolition*, the latest drama from **Jean-Marc Vallee**. She is handled by CAA and Untitled.

Sarandon last starred in *Tammy*, New Line's **Melissa McCarthy** comedy. She and is represented by UTA and Del Shaw.

Dellal is repped by ICM Partners.

CAA-repped Beckwith wrote and directed the upcoming **Saoirse Ronan** starrer *Stockholm, Pennsylvania*.

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