

AFM: IM Global Makes ‘Blood’ Pact With BBC Films

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Leading independent financing, production and sales company IM Global is co-financing, with BBC Films (who developed the film), dramatic thriller BLOOD. The film will be produced by Neal Street Productions, the company of Oscar winning director Sam Mendes and Pippa Harris (Revolutionary Road, Jarhead) and Nicola Shindler’s Red Productions (Bedlam, Queer as Folk), it was announced today by IM Global founder and CEO Stuart Ford.

Nick Murphy (The Awakening) will direct the project from a script by Bill Gallagher, based on his original, award winning TV series, Conviction. It will star Paul Bettany (Legion, The Da Vinci Code), Brian Cox (Rise of the Planet of the Apes, Red, The Bourne Supremacy) and Stephen Graham (Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy, This is England).

BLOOD is the story of a father and his two sons who are all by-the-book cops, but after a young girl is brutally murdered and the main suspect is released due to lack of evidence, brothers Joe and Chrissie Fairburn (Bettany and Graham) take matters into their own hands in an attempt to coerce a confession. Joe and Chrissie’s father Lenny (Cox), the former chief of police, is a quiet spectator to the fatal tragedy that begins to tear his sons apart.

Said Ford, “The combination of Neal Street’s producing caliber, a highly talented young director and this cast made this an irresistible package for us to jump onboard.”

Said Harris: “We’re delighted to be working with Stuart and the IM Global team. We share the same vision and ambition for this film, and can’t think of a better international partner”.

The prolific financier has already in recent weeks announced its backing of Colin Farrell starrer “Dead Man Down” and Jason Statham starrer “Hummingbird”. Ford’s indie powerhouse currently has, in partnership with shareholder Reliance Entertainment, more than \$200m of features in production or post-production.

