

Silver Lion Films and Myriad Pictures to Produce 'The Cup'

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Los Angeles, CA (Vocus) May 16, 2008 -- Silver Lion Films and Myriad Pictures are pleased to announce "The Cup", starring Ray Winstone and Stephen Curry.

At the heart of this true story is Damien Oliver, a young jockey who loses his only brother in a tragic racing accident, hauntingly reflecting the way their father died 27 years earlier. Teaming with Irish trainer Dermot Weld and after suffering through a series of discouraging defeats, Damien triumphs at the Australian Melbourne Cup in one of the most thrilling finales in all of sport.

Ray Winstone, lauded for his outstanding performances in "Beowulf" and "The Departed", is cast as Dermot Weld, who is routinely ranked as the world's finest thoroughbred trainer. Ray is represented by David Unger at ICM.

Stephen Curry will play the jockey Damien Oliver. He is one of Australia's most acclaimed young actors, winning Best Lead Actor at the 2007 Australian Film Awards for television drama as well as Most Outstanding Actor at the 2008 Logie Awards (Australia's Emmys) for his performance in "The King." Stephen is repped by Katherine Dodd at Creative Management, Sydney.

"The Cup" will be directed by Simon Wincer who wrote the script with Eric O'Keefe. Wincer is producing. Lance Hool of Silver Lion Films and Myriad Pictures' Kirk D'Amico are set to executive produce.

Lance Hool is known for producing such successful features as "Man on Fire" and "Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles". Myriad Pictures will handle foreign sales on the "The Cup". Myriad's current projects include "The Mother of Tears", Dario Argento's much-anticipated closing chapter of the Three Mothers trilogy, "Death Defying Acts", starring Catherine Zeta-Jones and Guy Pearce, and Bruno Barreto's "174".

Production on "The Cup" is set to begin September 2008. The film will be shot on location in Ireland and Melbourne.

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