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HART-LUNSFORD PICTURES EYES TRIBECA FILM FEST AFTER RECENT SUNDANCE SUCCESS

(LOUISVILLE, Ky.) – Bluegrass-based producer Hart-Lunsford Pictures is pleased to announce that its romantic comedy, “Watching the Detectives” starring Lucy Liu (“Charlie’s Angels”; “Kill Bill”; “Ally McBeal”) and Cillian Murphy (“Red Eye”; “The Wind That Shakes the Barley”), will premiere at Robert DeNiro’s Tribeca Film Festival tonight in New York City. The film, co-financed by Peace Arch Entertainment and produced by Plum Pictures, was shot in and around the city.

“We’re honored and very excited to be part of such a renowned festival,” said Edward Hart. “I was on set in Brooklyn during filming, and this picture is very New York. It should find a good audience at Tribeca.”

“Watching the Detectives,” written and directed by Paul Soter, is about a film noir buff (Murphy) whose world is abruptly turned upside down when a beautiful and unpredictable real-life femme fatale (Liu) provides far more adventure than he can handle. The star-crossed pair vamps up their own mysteries while playfully chasing each other’s personae.

Liu, best known for her “Charlie’s Angels” films, first gained popularity and an Emmy nomination as ‘Ling Woo’ on the hit TV show “Ally McBeal.” She also has been featured in “Kill Bill” Vols. I and II, “Jackie Chan Adventures,” and most recently in “Lucky Number Slevin.”

Golden Globe nominee Cillian Murphy, the male lead, starred last year in “The Wind That Shakes the Barley,” winner of the Cannes Film Festival’s top Palme d’Or Award. He also was featured in “Batman Begins”; “Breakfast on Pluto”; “Girl with a Pearl Earring”; “28 Days Later” and “Red Eye.”

First-time director Soter was recently honored by industry trade magazine *Filmmaker* as one of the top 25 new directors to watch. Soter is a member of the “Broken Lizards” satirical comedy team, which has a “first look” arrangement with Warner Brothers as writers and directors. He has performed in several films, among them “Supertroopers” and last year’s “Dukes of Hazzard.”

Two of the movies Hart-Lunsford executive produced had their world premieres last January at the prestigious Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. Ed Hart and Bruce Lunsford were on hand for the screenings, where one of the films, “Grace Is Gone” starring John Cusack, later won the popular Sundance Audience Award in the dramatic competition, and writer/director James C. Strouse took home the Waldo Salt award for excellence in screenwriting. “Dedication,” a dramatic comedy, showcases the talents of Billy Crudup and Mandy Moore in the lead roles. Tom Wilkinson, Bob Balaban and Dianne Wiest further round out the extraordinary cast.

The popularity of the two films – especially “Grace,” which screened early at Sundance to ever-increasing audiences and a standing ovation – set off late-night bidding wars between some well-known distributors of independent films. Brothers Harvey and Bob Weinstein, formerly of Miramax fame, finally acquired both “Grace” and “Dedication” for The Weinstein Company, with “Grace” intended for release later this year.

The Tribeca Festival, which opened last Wednesday, runs through May 6.

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