EFM: FILM CONSTELLATION LAUNCHES PRE-SALES ON BEL POWLEY / NICK ROBINSON SCI-FI ROMCOM



Thursday 10th February 2022: London-based production, finance and sales outfit FILM CONSTELLATION is launching pre-sales on upcoming elevated Sci-Fi Rom-Com TURN ME ON starring Bel Powley (*The King of Staten Island, The Diary of A Teenage Girl, The Morning Show*) and Nick Robinson (*Love, Simon., Maid, A Teacher*).

Directed by Michael Tyburski (*The Sound of Silence*), the film is set in a world where the inconvenience of human emotion has been eradicated by a government-imposed daily vitamin. When a young couple skips their dose, they discover love, joy and sex for the first time, but quickly come to realize they must also handle the emotional baggage that comes with it.

TURN ME ON marks the second collaboration between director Michael Tyburski and Film Constellation following his Sundance hit THE SOUND OF SILENCE starring Peter Sarsgaard & Rashida Jones, distributed by Sony Pictures Worldwide.

The script is penned by 2020 Black List writer Angela Bourassa.

Principal photography is set to commence in Fall 2022, with a delivery scheduled for the later part of 2023. International Sales are handled by Film Constellation, with UTA and CAA repping North America.

Michael Tyburski, Director — "The film has both love and humor, but is anchored within the science-fiction genre—a world I'm completely invigorated to build and play in. I couldn't be more excited to bring this original story to life with the incredibly talented Bel and Nick."

TURN ME ON is produced by Zareh Nalbandian, Toby Nalbandian and Gregory Schmidt of Truant Pictures, an Animal Logic Company (*The Lego Movie, Peter Rabbit*), and producer Sean Bradley (Mark Duplass' *Paddleton*). Angela Bourassa is serving as executive producer.

Fabien Westerhoff, CEO Film Constellation — "Hearty, funny, and ripe with romance, TURN ME ON starts with a simple premise that speaks to the nature of our existence today: how do you learn to fall in love in a world where emotions have no place? A reimagined romcom with a twist, the perfect date night film every couple will want to see!"

About Film Constellation

FILM CONSTELLATION's current slate includes: Upcoming nordic horror **THE TWIN** by Taneli Mustonen starring Teresa Palmer (Market Premiere at EFM), anticipated Tunisian drama **CONTRA** by Lotfy Nathan, the first Beckett biopic **DANCE FIRST** by Academy-Award winner James Marsh, Cannes psychological thriller **JOHN AND THE HOLE** by Pascual Sisto and Martian sci-fi **SETTLERS** directed by Wyatt Rockefeller starring Sofia Boutella.

Film Constellation is a production, finance and sales company headquartered in London and Paris. The company builds on a track record for growing award-winning filmmaker brands, working with new and established talent, and fostering strong producer ties across both sides of the Atlantic.

Since inception in 2016, the company has packaged, produced and sold over 40 commercially and critically acclaimed films and documentaries, premiering at A-class film festivals including Cannes, Venice, Toronto, Sundance and Berlin.

It continues to build an exciting slate of talents including Werner Herzog, David Lynch, Rebecca Hall, Annie Silverstein, Ekwa Msangi, Paco Plaza, Michaela Coel, Eran Riklis, Rashaad Ernesto Green, Pella Kågerman, Steven Caple Jr. among others.

The company supports the development, financing and packaging of the films they board through a privately held fund, backed by Paris-based entertainment group PLAYTIME. Its extensive network offers a fast-track bridge to the markets' international funding resources, distribution and festival scene.

About Truant Pictures

Truant Pictures, the live-action specialty division of Animal Logic Studios, produces film and television content for a worldwide audience. In collaboration with emerging and established Australian and international talent, Truant champions thought-provoking and socially relevant stories from a diverse range of perspectives.