



PRESS RELEASE

NOTORIOUS PICTURES: TWO FILMS IN VENICE

**Notorious Pictures arrives with
"Il Contagio" and "Pablo Escobar" at the
74th Venice International Film Festival**



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Notorious Pictures, a company listed on the AIM Italia market, organised and managed by Borsa Italiana (Italian stock exchange company), involved in the production, acquisition and marketing of film rights (full rights) via all the distribution channels (cinema, home video, TV, new media), will be docking at the 74th Venice International Film Festival with two titles.

The film "Il Contagio", which sees Notorious in the dual role of co-producer with Kimera Film, Rai Cinema and Gekon Production, as well as distributor, will be competing in the Giornate degli Autori. The film, based on the eponymous bestseller by Walter Siti, is directed by Botrungo and Coluccini, starring Vinicio Marchioni, Anna Foglietta, Maurizio Tesei, Giulia Bevilacqua and Vincenzo Salemme.

The film "Pablo Escobar" by Fernando Leon De Aranoa will be screened as a world premier out of competition. Notorious will be distributing "Pablo Escobar" in cinemas. The film, about the life and loves of the king of international narcoterrorism, stars Oscar® winning actors Javier Bardem and Penélope Cruz.

Guglielmo Marchetti, President and Chief Executive Officer of Notorious



Pictures stated: *"We are proud to be in Venice with no fewer than two titles this year. We believe this represents further recognition of the ability of management at Notorious to find films that successfully combine artistic value with commercial value".*

SYNOPSIS

IL CONTAGIO

Director: Matteo Botrugno and Daniele Coluccini

Genre: Drama / Crime

Cast: Vinicio Marchioni, Anna Foglietta, Vincenzo Salemme, Maurizio Tesei, Giulia Bevilacqua, Daniele Parisi and Nuccio Siano

Marcello and Chiara, Mauro and Simona, and the local boss Carmine live in a small building in a village.

To this unstable human scenario, permanently suspended between tragedy and comedy, comes professor Walter, a writer of middle class extraction, who has been having an affair with Marcello, a former body builder of unclear sexual orientation. Mauro, a cold and ambitious drug dealer, seems to be the only one who feels the need for change. Power and corruption invade a small corner of the suburbs.

PABLO ESCOBAR (Loving Pablo)

Director: Fernando Leòn de Aranoa

Genre: Biography / Thriller / Drama

Cast: Javier Bardem, Penélope Cruz

The life of Pablo Escobar, from his rise to crime in the early Eighties until his death in 1993, moving through the years of narco terrorism, the battle against possible extradition to the USA, and his affair with the journalist Virginia Vallejo who, after years as his lover, decides to help the law catch him. Starring Oscar[®] winning Javier Bardem and Penélope Cruz.

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