

## People &amp; Places

## Film

## 'Cups' to premiere

## Netflix acquires Page's 'Tallulah'

LOS ANGELES, Jan 13, (RTRS): The Sundance Film Festival is still a week away, but Netflix isn't waiting for the throngs to descend on Park City before making a big move.

The streaming giant has snapped up worldwide streaming video on-demand rights to "Tallulah," Variety has learned. The story of a young drifter (Ellen Page) who takes a baby from a negligent mother was expected to be one of the hot titles at this year's festival. It reunites Page with her "Juno" co-star Allison Janney.



Page

Janney plays a woman who mistakenly believes she's the child's grandmother in what is being billed as a dramatic comedy.

It's a homecoming of sorts for writer and director Sian Heder. She has a preexisting relationship with Netflix having worked as a writer and producer on "Orange Is the New Black." Her first short film, "Mother," was honored at Cannes Film Festival, Seattle International Film Festival and Florida Film Festival.

Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed, but insiders pegged the price as being in the mid-seven figures. Theatrical rights to the project are still in play.

## Offerings

The purchase comes as Netflix is moving aggressively to build up its feature film offerings, having scored by backing original television shows such as "House of Cards" and "Daredevil." The company is currently on the Oscar hunt with last year's child soldier drama "Beasts of No Nation" and released the Adam Sandler comedy "The Ridiculous 6" in December. Upcoming movies include "War Machine" with Brad Pitt, "Jadotville" with Jamie Dornan, "Pee-Wee's Big Holiday," and a sequel to "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon."

"Tallulah" was backed by Route One Entertainment, Maiden Voyages Pictures and Ocean Blue Entertainment. Russell Levine, Heather Rae, Chris Columbus and Todd Traina served as producers. The cast includes John Benjamin Hickey, Zachary Quinto, Uzo Aduba and Tammy Blanchard.

The Santa Barbara International Film Festival has selected Christian Bale's "Knight of Cups" as its Centerpiece Film with a screening on Feb 7 at the Arlington Theatre.

The showing will be the US premiere for the Terrence Malick drama and will take place 364 days after the world premiere at the Berlin Film Festival. Broad Green Pictures is releasing "Knight of Cups" in the US on March 4.

The film also stars Natalie Portman, Cate Blanchett, Freida Pinto, Isabel Lucas, Imogen Poots, Wes Bentley, Brian Dennehy and Teresa Palmer. Bale portrays a writer on an odyssey through the playgrounds of Los Angeles and Las Vegas as he undertakes a search for love and self.

Nicolas Gonda, Sarah Green and Ken Kao are producing. Malick's last film, "To the Wonder," starred Ben Affleck and Olga Kurylenko and grossed less than \$3 million worldwide. His 2011 film, "The Tree of Life," took in more than \$50 million worldwide.

Variety's Justin Chang called the film "flawed but fascinating" in his review at Berlin.

The Santa Barbara festival had already announced that it would open Feb 3 with the US premiere of "The Little Prince," directed by Mark Osborne and featuring the voices of Jeff Bridges, Rachel McAdams, Paul Rudd, Ricky Gervais, James Franco, Mackenzie Foy and Benicio Del Toro.

Xavier Giannoli's "Marguerite" will close out the festival on Feb 13. The film, loosely inspired by the life of Florence Foster Jenkins, stars Catherine Frot.

Warner Bros. Roy Lee and 1821 Media are developing an untitled treasure hunters movie with "Maze Runner" screenwriter Grant Pierce Myers on board.

The project is based on a concept by Terry Douglas of 1821 Media and Warner Bros. exec VP Jon Berg. The story follows a group of treasure hunters as they steal artifacts from museums around the globe, journeying through the criminal underworld, in pursuit of the greatest treasure of all time.

Paris Kasidokostas-Latsis and Douglas will produce alongside Lee under his Warner-based Vertigo Entertainment banner. Lee's a producer on "The Lego Movie" and an exec producer on "The Departed," as well as the "Grudge" and "How to Train Your Dragon" franchises.



Nicole Kidman arrives at the The Sixth Biennial UNICEF Ball at the Beverly Wilshire Four Seasons Hotel on Jan 12, in Beverly Hills, Calif. (AP)

## Film

## 'Star Wars', 'Revenant' score CAS nods

## Poitier to receive Bafta's highest honor

LOS ANGELES, Jan 13, (RTRS): The British Academy of Film and Television Arts will bestow on Sidney Poitier its highest honor, the Fellowship, at the BAFTA Film Awards on Feb 14. The Fellowship, which is awarded annually, is given to an individual in recognition of "an outstanding and exceptional contribution to film, television or games."

Previous recipient of the honor include Charlie Chaplin, Alfred Hitchcock, Steven Spielberg, Elizabeth Taylor, Stanley Kubrick, Anthony Hopkins, Laurence Olivier, Judi Dench and Martin Scorsese. Mike Leigh received the Fellowship at last year's film awards.

Amanda Berry, chief executive of BAFTA, said: "Sidney is a luminary of film whose outstanding talent in front of the camera, and important work in other fields, has made him one of the most important figures of his generation. His determination to pursue his dreams is an inspirational story for young people starting out in the industry today. By recognising Sidney with the Fellowship at the film awards on Sunday 14 February, BAFTA will be honoring one of cinema's true greats."

## Honored

Poitier said: "I am extremely honored to have been chosen to receive the Fellowship and I would like to express my deep appreciation to the British Academy for the recognition."

Poitier began his acting career on Broadway in the 1940s before moving into film in 1950, receiving his first credit as Dr Luther Brooks in "No Way Out." He was the first African-American to play a wide range of leading roles; he was BAFTA-nominated for his performances in "Edge of the City," "A Raisin in the Sun," "Lilies of the Field" (for which he was the first African-American to win the Oscar for Best Actor in 1964), "A Patch of

Blue," "In the Heat of the Night" and "The Defiant Ones," for which he won a BAFTA and was nominated for an Oscar in 1959.

His other acting credits include "Blackboard Jungle," "To Sir With Love," "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," "Sneakers," "The Jackal" and "Porgy and Bess." Poitier was awarded an Honorary Oscar in 2002 "for his extraordinary performances and unique presence on the screen and for representing the industry with dignity, style and intelligence." Poitier has also been nominated for seven Golden Globes, winning once, and was presented with the Cecil B. DeMille Award in 1982.

After being passed over by every guild and industry group so far this season, "The Hateful Eight" finally caught a break Tuesday with a nomination from the Cinema Audio Society, celebrating excellence in sound mixing. The film joined "Bridge of Spies," "Mad Max: Fury Road" and "The Revenant" in the live action motion picture category, all three of which have performed well with organizations like the Art Directors Guild, the American Society of Cinematographers and the Producers Guild of America in recent weeks.

The fifth spot went to "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," an on-again, off-again player on the circuit this season with mentions from the American Cinema Editors and the art directors and costume designers guilds. That left Ridley Scott's "The Martian" as the surprise exclusion for a group that, it should be noted, has a slightly different makeup than the Academy's sound branch, featuring a wider range of production mixers along with the post-production artisans.

In the animated category, nominees were "The Good Dinosaur," "Hotel Transylvania 2," "Inside Out," "Min-

ions" and "The Peanuts Movie."

On the television side, "American Crime" joined "American Horror Story: Hotel," "Fargo" and "True Detective" in the movie or mini-series category, while series nominees included "Better Call Saul," "Game of Thrones," "The Walking Dead," "Nurse Jackie" and "Veep."

Winners will be revealed at the 52nd annual Cinema Audio Society Awards on Saturday, Feb 20.

Read the full list of film and television nominees below.

■ Motion Picture – Live Action "Bridge of Spies": Production Mixer: Drew Kunin; Re-recording Mixer: Andy Nelson, CAS; Re-recording Mixer: Gary Roger Rydstrom, CAS; Scoring Mixer: Thomas Vicari, CAS; ADR Mixer: Bobby Johanson, CAS; Foley Mixer: Chris Manning.

"The Hateful Eight": Production Mixer: Mark Ulano, CAS; Re-recording Mixer: Michael Minkler, CAS; Re-recording Mixer: Chris Minkler; Scoring Mixer: Fabio Venturi; Foley Mixer: Nerses Gezalayan.

"Mad Max: Fury Road": Production Mixer: Ben Osmo; Re-recording Mixer: Chris Jenkins; Re-recording Mixer: Gregg Rudloff; ADR Mixer: Thomas J. O'Connell; Foley Mixer: Ryan Squires.

"The Revenant": Production Mixer: Chris Dueterdiek; Re-recording Mixer: Jon Taylor, CAS; Re-recording Mixer: Frank Montano; Re-recording Mixer: Randy Thom, CAS; Scoring Mixer: Conrad Hensel; ADR Mixer: Michael Miller, CAS; Foley Mixer: Geordy Sincavage.

"Star Wars: The Force Awakens": Production Mixer: Stuart Wilson; Re-recording Mixer: Andy Nelson, CAS; Re-recording Mixer: Chris Scarabosio; Scoring Mixer: Shawn Murphy; ADR Mixer: Charleen Steeves; Foley Mixer: Chris Manning.

■ Motion Picture -- Animated

"The Good Dinosaur": Original Dialogue Mixer: Vince Caro; Re-recording Mixer: Tom Johnson; Re-recording Mixer: Michael Semanick; Scoring Mixer: Brad Haehnel; Foley Mixer: Kyle Rochlin.

"Hotel Transylvania 2": Original Dialogue Mixer: Howard London, CAS; Re-recording Mixer: Michael Semanick; Re-recording Mixer: Tom Johnson; Scoring Mixer: Brad Haehnel; Foley Mixer: Randy Singer, CAS.

"Inside Out" Original Dialogue Mixer: Doc Kane; Re-recording Mixer: Tom Johnson; Re-recording Mixer: Michael Semanick; Scoring Mixer: Joel Iwataki; Foley Mixer: Mary Jo Lang, CAS.

"Minions": Original Dialogue Mixer: Carlos Sotolongo; Re-recording Mixer: Gary A. Rizzo, CAS; Re-recording Mixer: Chris Scarabosio; Scoring Mixer: Shawn Murphy; Foley Mixer: Corey Tyler.

"The Peanuts Movie": Original Dialogue Mixer: Bill Higley; Re-recording Mixer: Lora Hirschberg; Re-recording Mixer: Randy Thom, CAS; Re-recording Mixer: Jeff Lefferts; Scoring Mixer: Casey Stone, CAS; Foley Mixer: Jason Butler.

## Also:

LOS ANGELES: "Fifty Shades of Grey" is all tied up with "Pixels," "Jupiter Ascending" and "Paul Blart Mall Cop 2" for the most nominations at this year's Golden Raspberry Awards celebrating the worst in cinema.

The films led the Razzies lineup Wednesday with six nods each, including worst picture and worst actor for Jamie Dornan in the sexy thriller "Fifty Shades of Grey," Kevin James in the comedy sequel "Paul Blart Mall Cop 2," Channing Tatum in the sci-fi "Jupiter Ascending" and Adam Sandler in the video game mash-up "Pixels" and fantasy-comedy "The Cobbler."

for its competition juries at the upcoming festival, Variety has learned.

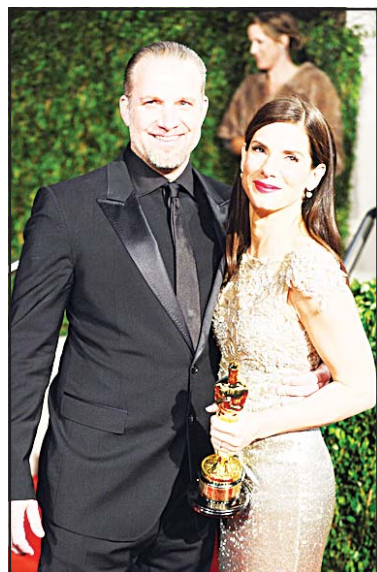
Other notable jury members include "The Cove" director Louie Psihoyos, "The Hunting Ground" director Amy Ziering, Black List founder Franklin Leonard and "Amy" director Asif Kapadia.

The festival opens Jan 21 in Park City, Salt Lake City, Ogden and Sundance, Utah. The winners will be announced Jan 30 from the six juries along with five audience awards. (RTRS)

LOS ANGELES: Kat Graham will portray Jada Pinkett Smith in the Tupac Shakur movie "All Eyez on Me." Variety has learned exclusively.

Smith and Shakur were high school classmates at the Baltimore School for the Arts and remained friends before his 1996 murder. The film is currently shooting in Atlanta.

"All Eyez on Me" chronicles the life and legacy of Shakur, including his rise to superstardom as a hip-hop artist and actor, his imprisonment and his time at Death Row Records. The film is directed by Benny Boom and stars Demetrius Shipp, Jr. as Tupac and "Walking Dead" star Danai Gurira as Shakur's mother, Afeni Shakur. (RTRS)



In this March 7, 2010 file photo, Sandra Bullock and Jesse James arrive at the Vanity Fair Oscar party in West Hollywood, Calif. Bullock edged up her image when she married the custom motorcycle builder in 2005. A cleaned-up James was by the actress' side when she won her best actress Oscar in 2010. A week later, reports surfaced that James had been unfaithful and Bullock canceled several public appearances. She filed for divorce later that year. (AP)



Clooney



Roberts

## Variety

LOS ANGELES: Danny Glover and John C. McGinley are portraying priests, joining Wrenn Schmidt and Zachary Spicer in Paul Shoulberg's indie romantic comedy "The Good Catholic."

Spicer, John Armstrong and Graham Sheldon will produce for the New York-based Pigasus Pictures, alongside executive producer David Anspaugh, the director of "Rudy" and "Hoosiers." Filming will begin in Bloomington, Ind., in late January.

Spicer will portray an idealistic young priest who loves his job more than anything, until he meets a woman — played by Schmidt — in confession and seeks guidance from his fellow priests. Glover is slated to play a conservative father while McGinley will play a free-spirited priest.

Glover will next be seen in the Sundance drama "Mr. Pig." He also recently wrapped "Meyers Christmas" for Universal and "Monster Trucks" for Paramount. (RTRS)

LOS ANGELES: George Clooney becomes a hostage on network TV in the first trailer for TriStar Pictures' "Money Monster."

Clooney is playing a glib investment guru with the TV show "Money Monster" who has to deal with a gun-toting investor — played by Jack O'Connell of "Unbroken" — after the investor takes a bath on a tech stock.

"Is this a union thing?" Clooney asks when he spots O'Connell's weapon.

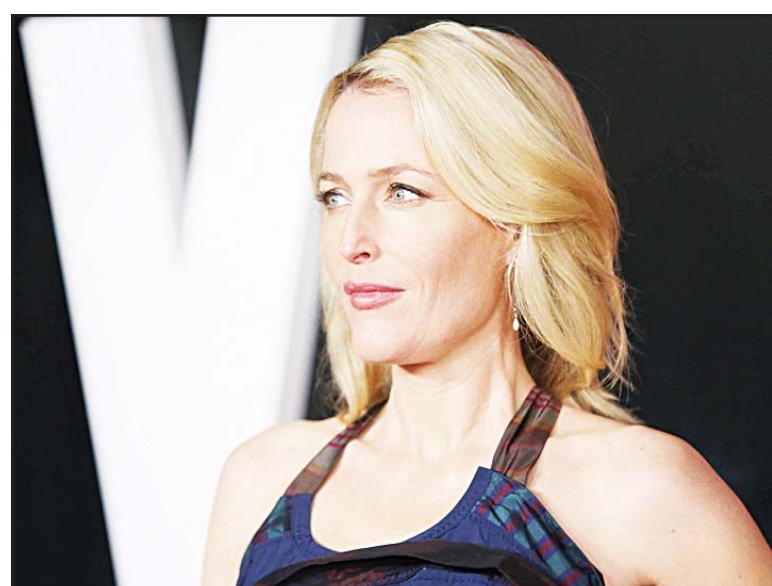
Julia Roberts stars as the producer, who tells the crew at that point, "Anyone

who can get out, get out now."

O'Connell's character insists later that he's not to blame, asserting, "I might be

the one with a gun here, but I am not the

criminal." (RTRS)



Gillian Anderson arrives at the season premiere of 'The X-Files' at the California Science Center on Jan 12, in Los Angeles, Calif. (AP)

## 'In-Laws', 'All of Me' actor Libertini dies

LOS ANGELES, Jan 13, (AP): The comedic character actor Richard Libertini died. He was 82.

Libertini's ex-wife Melinda Dillon says he died Jan 7 after a 2-year-long battle with cancer.

The bald-and-bearded actor portrayed such memorable characters as the wacky Latin American general from 1979's "The In-Laws," the eccentric Tibetan mystic from 1984's "All of Me" and the boss of Chevy Chase's newspaper reporter Irwin Fletcher in the "Fletch" films.

Libertini also appeared in the movies "Big Trouble," "Days of Heaven," "Popeye" and "Awakenings," as well as the TV series "Barretta," "The Bob Newhart Show," "Moonlighting" and "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine."