



REBECCA FERGUSON IN TALKS TO PLAY OSCAR WINNER PATRICIA NEAL

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Pascal Degove, Managing Director of Goldcrest Films (Goldcrest) announced that Rebecca Ferguson is in talks to co-star with Hugh Bonneville (*Paddington 2*, *Viceroy's House*) in award winning Director John Hay's (*Lost Christmas*) *Untitled Roald Dahl & Patricia Neal* project.

The film is a bittersweet, comedic and heart-warming story of Academy Award winning actress Patricia Neal's (*Rebecca Ferguson*) marriage to best-selling children's novelist Roald Dahl (Hugh Bonneville)

Set between New York, England and Los Angeles at the beginning of the Sixties it's a tale about Dahl's struggles to write some of his most famous works and Neal's return to acting with *Hud* (for which she finally won her Oscar). The film is set to shoot in and around London. Principal photography is scheduled to commence late January 2018.

Golden Globe nominee Rebecca Ferguson is currently in production on *Mission Impossible 6* for director Chris McQuarrie and producers JJ Abrams and Tom Cruise and just finished shooting *The Greatest Showman*, alongside Hugh Jackman and Zac Efron for Twentieth Century Fox and Chernin Entertainment. Ferguson is well known to global audiences for her work in *Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation*, *The Girl on the Train*, *Florence Foster Jenkins* and *The White Queen*.

Goldcrest are financing, co-producing and overseeing global sales and distribution, the film is produced by Elliot Jenkins for Atticus Pictures and by Pascal Degove for Goldcrest Films. The screenplay is based on Stephen Michael Shearer's novel *An Unquiet Life*, the film is written by Hay and David Logan, who also won an Emmy for *Lost Christmas*.

Goldcrest Post (*Murder On The Orient Express*, *Kingsman: The Golden Circle*) under Managing Director Patrick Malone will be providing picture and sound post production services.

Pascal Degove, Managing Director Goldcrest Films said: "Distributors everywhere should be excited by the attachment of such exceptional talent to the project; in Rebecca we have been lucky to find someone who, like us, is committed to giving our story the widest possible appeal having consistently brought global audiences to cinemas in a string of high-profile box office successes."

Director John Hay says "This is a sophisticated, complex, multilayered, love story and I can't think of anyone better than Rebecca to draw the emotion out of every scene without ever giving an audience the impression that is what she is doing".

Elliot Jenkins continues "Patricia Neal was a remarkable woman who managed to maintain her career and win an Oscar while carrying her family through some enormous struggles, on every level her legacy will be safely preserved in Rebecca's portrayal".

Ferguson is represented by Tavistock Wood, ICM and Actors Scandinavia.

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Goldcrest Films oversees the production, distribution and marketing of films produced by Goldcrest and third-party acquisitions, in addition to monetising Goldcrest's celebrated library of over 100 titles.

Goldcrest Post is a market leading supplier of Academy Award and BAFTA winning post-production services. The company's extensive list of credits include *Murder On The Orient Express*, *Kingsman: The Golden Circle*, *Death of Stalin*, *Killing of a Sacred Deer* and *Baby Driver*.

Goldcrest Finance raises funds and structures transactions in the media sector and has funded films ranging in budget from \$3 million to \$98 million, of which four have opened at number 1 at the US box office.

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