

City Lights Pictures acquires Alec Baldwin starrer 'Brooklyn Rules'

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Danny Fisher, CEO of New York-based City Lights Pictures, a division of City Lights Media Group, announced today that it has acquired North American distribution rights to the dramatic thriller "Brooklyn Rules."

"Brooklyn Rules," set in 1985 with the mob world as a backdrop, is a powerful story about three lifelong friends whose different ambitions threaten to shake their enduring bond as they struggle with questions of love, loss and loyalty. The movie was penned by Sopranos writer Terence Winter and stars recent Golden Globe winner Alec Baldwin, Freddie Prinze Jr., Mena Suvari, Scott Caan and Jerry Ferrara. Director Michael Corrente ("Outside Providence") also produced the film along with Marisa Polvino and Richard Barton Lewis and co-produced by Richard Perello.

"Brooklyn Rules" will be released theatrically by City Lights Pictures in the late spring of this year. City Lights Home Entertainment will handle home video through its DVD and digital distribution deal with WEA Corp., Warner Music Group's U.S. sales and retail marketing company.

"Movies for me are about stories and characters, and I was moved by the drama, the conflicts between the characters, and the ever-present danger and suspense," said Danny Fisher. "I especially appreciated that 'Brooklyn Rules' is a dramatic thriller that is driven by the dilemma of its characters, and features outstanding performances."

"We are elated about the acquisition of 'Brooklyn Rules' by City Lights," says director Corrente. "We were looking for a distributor that was as enthusiastic about the movie as we are, and the City Lights team reacted very strongly to the power of the story and its characters."

"It's great to work with a Brooklyn bred distributor that understands the world these characters grew up in and the rules they live by ... Brooklyn Rules," said executive producer Billy Heinzerling.

This acquisition comes on the heels of other major developments at City Lights Media Group -- David Wain's

star-studded comedy "The Ten," financed by City Lights Pictures, was one of the most talked about movies at Sundance and was acquired by THINKFilm for theatrical release this summer.

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