



AMBER CONTENT TO RELEASE *MOON DOGS* IN UK & IRISH CINEMAS 1ST SEPTEMBER



UK, London: Monday 26th June 2017 – Today Amber Content, Up Ha, Clydebank Films and Ripple World Pictures are delighted to announce that UK/Irish Co-Production **MOON DOGS** will be released in UK and Irish cinemas from **1st September**.

MOON DOGS stars up and coming Celtic talent from Ireland, Scotland and Wales: Welsh actor **Jack Parry-Jones** (*Da Vinci's Demons, Back to Zero*); Irish actress and talented singer/songwriter **Tara Lee** (*The Fall, Raw, Jimi: All Is by My Side, The Odd Life of Timothy Green*) and Scottish actor and musician **Christy O'Donnell** (*Clique*) with a stand out supporting cast featuring **Dennis Lawson, Tam Dean Burn, Niall Greig Fulton, Chris Donald, Tanya Franks, Geoffrey Newland** and **Shauna Macdonald**.

It won Best International First Feature at Galway Film Fleadh 2016, was BAFTA Scotland nominated, BIFA longlisted and was selected as Best of the Fest at EIFF 2016. It has also garnered standout support from **Irvine Welsh** "Not one, not two but three stars are born in this beautiful movie" and **Screen Daily**: "Delightful...Coming-of-Age Comedy."

A Celtic road trip following teenage step-brothers Michael (Jack Parry-Jones) and Thor (Christy O'Donnell) as they journey from Shetland to Glasgow for very different reasons. Aspiring Irish singer Caitlin (Tara Lee) beguiles both boys and passions come to a head with a music festival and an ancient Norse ceremony as the backdrop.

MOON DOGS is directed by multi BAFTA nominated, multi-award-winning director / screenwriter from South Wales **Philip John**, written by **Derek Boyle** and **Raymond Friel**, produced by **Kathy Speirs** and Co-Produced by **Suzanne Reid, Dominic Wright** and **Jacqueline Kerrin** with the support of **Creative Scotland, Ffilm Cymru Wales** and the **Irish Film Board/Bord Scannán na hÉireann**. **Brian Jonestown Massacre's Anton Newcombe** became involved in the film's journey in February 2014 and not only composed Thor's music but also the original soundtrack for the film and is responsible for providing a score which is both exciting and moving, and is an embodiment of the celebration of the spirit of rebellion.

Director Philip John said: *“Making a film is like bringing up a child. You love her, you dress her well, you teach her honesty then you boot her out the door so she can spread the word that rebellion is good.”*

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About Up Ha

Kathy Speirs set up Up Helly Aa Ltd in 2012 to develop, package and produce a slate of feature films for the International market. Her first feature film Moon Dogs was financed by Creative Scotland, Ffilm Cymru Wales & the Irish Film Board. A pan-Celtic production, it had its world premiere at Edinburgh International Film Festival 2016. It was selected for Best Of the Fest at EIFF and the Michael Powell award. MOON DOGS won Best International First Feature at the Galway International Film Fleadh 2016, the Audience Award at the Internationales Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg and Best Film and Best Actor at the Newport Beach Film Festival. MOON DOGS was Bafta Scotland nominated for Best Film 2016. Kathy was Bifa longlisted for Breakthrough Producer in 2016.

Other projects on her slate include DATING KATIE a comedy, a co-production with Misfits Entertainment www.misfitsentertainment.com in development with Creative England and Ffilm Cymru Wales and directed by the Horton brothers. DOWNSIZED a comedy written by Raymond Friel and Derek Boyle in development with Creative Scotland and EAVE project THE SAVIOURS, in development with Ffilm Cymru Wales, with co-producers Barry Films, a suburban horror.

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About Ripple World Pictures

RIPPLE WORLD PICTURES was founded by producers Jacqueline Kerrin and Dominic Wright in 2007. Our mission is to create original, high quality film and television content to entertain audiences of all ages around the world for generations to come.

Currently in post-production is Colin McIvor’s Belfast-set wartime family adventure ZOO starring Art Parkinson, Penelope Wilton and Toby Jones. Recently completed productions include director Philip John’s BAFTA nominated coming of age road movie MOON DOGS, three LITTLE GREY FERGIE feature films for children, and live action/animation family movie GHOSTHUNTERS: ON ICY TRAILS for Warner Bros. Past productions include sci-fi comedy EARTHBOUND starring Rafe Spall and David Morrissey; thriller RETREAT starring Cillian Murphy, Thandie Newton and Jamie Bell and Darragh Byrne’s comedy drama PARKED starring Colm Meaney and Colin Morgan.

Ripple’s forthcoming features include Alexandra McGuinness’ New Mexico set thriller HIGHWAY starring Lucy Fry, Eiza Gonzalez and Josh Hartnett; Ivan Kavanagh’s western NEVER GROW OLD starring Emile Hirsch; Jim O’Hanlon’s period rom-com SANDITON; and Eoin Macken’s anarchic, hedonistic drama HERE ARE THE YOUNG MEN. Ripple’s forthcoming TV productions include 1960’s spy thriller series RATLINES.