

# **THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY**

**- FIRST IMAGES RELEASED -**

**- PRINCIPAL PHOTOGRAPHY WRAPS -**

**First look images released featuring Lily James and Michiel Huisman from the big-screen adaptation of The Guernsey Literary And Potato Peel Pie Society**

**LONDON – Monday 15th May, 2017** – STUDIOCANAL has released the first official photography from the big-screen adaptation of **THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY**, as principal photography wraps on the British production of **Mary Ann Shaffer** and **Annie Barrows'** best-selling novel.

The two images feature the film's lead actors **Lily James** (*Cinderella, War & Peace*) and **Michiel Huisman** (*The Age of Adeline, Game of Thrones*).

**Lily James** plays free-spirited journalist Juliet Ashton, who forms a life-changing bond with the delightful and eccentric Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, when she decides to write about the book club they formed during the occupation of Guernsey during WWII. Juliet's first contact with the island and The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, is with Dawsey Adams, played by **Michael Huisman**.

Directed by Mike Newell (*Four Weddings and a Funeral, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*) from a script written by Don Roos (*Marley & Me, The Opposite of Sex*) adapted from the international best-selling novel of the same name, the film also stars **Glen Powell** (*Everybody Wants Some, Hidden Figures*), **Matthew Goode** (*The Imitation Game, Downton Abbey*), **Jessica Brown Findlay** (*Victor Frankenstein, Downton Abbey*) with **Tom Courtenay** (*45 Years, Doctor Zhivago*) and **Penelope Wilton** (*The BFG, The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*).

**Paula Mazur** and **Mitchell Kaplan** from The Mazur/Kaplan Company (*The Man Who Invented Christmas*) and **Graham Broadbent** and **Pete Czernin** from Blueprint Pictures (*Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, In Bruges*) will produce. STUDIOCANAL is co-financing and will distribute in its own territories, the UK, France, Germany, Australia and New Zealand, selling worldwide.

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### **About Blueprint Pictures**

Blueprint Pictures is a London-based production company founded by producers Graham Broadbent and Pete Czernin. Blueprint produced *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* and its sequel *The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*. They have two films slated for release in 2017: James Marsh's *The Mercy* starring Colin Firth and Rachel Weisz; and Martin McDonagh's *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*, starring Frances McDormand, Woody Harrelson and Sam Rockwell.

### **About Mazur/Kaplan**

Mazur/ Kaplan is a book-centric production company founded by producer Paula Mazur and independent bookseller Mitchell Kaplan. They have recently wrapped production on *The Man Who Invented Christmas*, directed by Bharat Nalluri, starring Dan Stevens and Christopher Plummer. Next up is *The Silent Wife* with Nicole Kidman and *All The Bright Places* starring Elle Fanning and directed by Miguel Arteta.

### **About STUDIOCANAL**

STUDIOCANAL, a 100% affiliate of CANAL+ Group held by Vivendi, is Europe's leader in production, right acquisition, distribution and international sales of feature films and TV series. STUDIOCANAL operates directly in all three major European markets, France, the United Kingdom and Germany, as well as in Australia and New Zealand.

STUDIOCANAL owns one of the most important film libraries in the world, boasting more than 9000 titles from 60 countries, including 6000 feature films among which are the iconic *Terminator 2*, *Breathless*, *Mulholland Drive* and *Belle de jour*.

STUDIOCANAL has fully-financed recent box office hits like *Paddington*, *Shaun the Sheep* and *Non-Stop*. Upcoming films backed by STUDIOCANAL include *The Commuter* featuring Liam Neeson, the highly-anticipated *Paddington 2* by Paul King, and Aardman Studios' stop-motion movies *Early Man* by Nick Park and *Shaun the Sheep 2*.

STUDIOCANAL is actively developing and distributing high-end TV series through its network of award-winning European production companies, including Tandem Productions in Germany (*Crossing Lines*, *Spotless*), the UK's RED Production Company (*The Five*, *Happy Valley*), Scandinavia's SAM created by Soren Svestrup and Adam Price (*Borgen*, *The Killing*), and Spain's BAMBÚ PRODUCCIONES (*Grand Hotel*, *Velvet*). STUDIOCANAL has also stakes in the UK's SunnyMarch TV, created by Benedict Cumberbatch, *Urban Myth Films* and *Guilty Party*.