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## **STUDIOCANAL to partner with DISNEY NORDIC to distribute the adaptation of the international publishing sensation, THE 100-YEAR-OLD MAN WHO CLIMBED OUT OF THE WINDOW AND DISAPPEARED**

STUDIOCANAL and Nice FLX Pictures announced today that STUDIOCANAL will partner with DISNEY NORDIC for the international distribution of Felix Herngren's upcoming feature THE 100-YEAR-OLD MAN WHO CLIMBED OUT OF THE WINDOW AND DISAPPEARED, based on Jonas Jonasson's bestseller.

DISNEY NORDIC will distribute the film in Scandinavia for release this December 25<sup>th</sup> 2013, while TeleMunchen will release it in Germany and Austria, and Wild Bunch in Benelux.

STUDIOCANAL will distribute the film in France, UK and Australia and will sell the rest of the world.

Quirky and utterly unique, THE 100-YEAR-OLD MAN WHO CLIMBED OUT THE WINDOW AND DISAPPEARED has quickly become an international publishing sensation and has been published in more than 35 countries and sold over 5 million copies.

For the film adaptation, Swedish director Felix Herngren, creator of hits such as SOLSIDAN, has gathered great talent from Sweden including Robert Gustafsson, Sweden's most popular comedian, Mia Skäringer, Johan Rheborg, as well as Alan Ford.

The film is produced by Henrik Jansson-Schweizer, Patrick Nebout, Felix Herngren and Malte Forssell for Nice FLX Pictures.

STUDIOCANAL will start selling the film in Cannes.

Harold Van Lier, STUDIOCANAL EVP International Distribution said: "It is a wonderful thing to occasionally completely fall in love with a story. The book is already establishing itself as a major brand around the world. For us as theatrical distributors, we think we have a winner based on what we saw so far of the powerful film adaptation the producers and our partners at Disney will be delivering at the end of the year. It is an incredibly cinematic story that is very warm and filled with feel good humour. It will undoubtedly be one of the major films coming out of Scandinavia at the end of this year."

Patrick Nebout, producer at Nice FLX Pictures, said "We read the book early together with Felix Herngren, before it became a best-seller: it was love at first sight, as we were spellbound by the story, its unique universe and incredible main character. It's a saga with a universal theme, a big heart and a sense of humor that travels perfectly, moving millions of readers all over the world. We're thrilled to partner up with STUDIOCANAL - it's a great match for this picture."

**Synopsis:** After a long and eventful life, Allan Karlsson ends up in a nursing home, believing it to be his last stop. The only problem is that he's still in good health, and in one day, he turns 100.

A big celebration is in the works, but Allan really isn't interested, and decides to escape. He climbs out the window in his slippers and embarks on a hilarious and entirely unexpected journey, involving, among other surprises, a suitcase stuffed with cash, some unpleasant criminals, a friendly hot-dog stand operator, and an elephant (not to mention a death by elephant). It would be the adventure of a lifetime for anyone else, but Allan has a larger-than-life backstory: Not only has Allan witnessed some of the most important events of the twentieth century, but he has actually played a key role in them. Starting out in munitions as a boy, he somehow finds himself involved in many of the key explosions of the twentieth century and travels the world, sharing meals and more with everyone from Franco, Stalin, and Truman to Reagan and Gorbachev.

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