

# British Crime Caper/Gangster Film Hackney's Finest to Be Released in UK Cinemas 3rd April 2015 And On DVD And On Demand 13th April 2015

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Special Premiere Event on 30th March 2015, with live performances by O'Connell and Love and Special Guests from Alabama 3 + special guest soon to be announced

**Trinity Film** announces that new British gangster film *Hackney's Finest* will be released in UK cinemas from 3rd April 2015 and on DVD and On Demand from 13th April 2015. The film's release will be preceded by a special film premiere event at <u>Genesis Cinema</u> and Bar Paragon on 30th March, with the premiere screening followed by an exclusive after-party with live music by **O'Connell and Love**, a guest from **Alabama 3** and very special guests.

Inspired by the heroin scene in Hackney in the late 1990s and early 2000s, *Hackney's Finest* is an irreverent and darkly comic tale of greed, corruption and survival, told with a wink and a knowing smile. It is the first feature from writer **Thorin Seex** and director **Chris Bouchard** (*The Hunt For Gollum* – the phenomenally successful viral short film), and is produced in association with **Framestore**, the Academy Award-winning digital studio behind Alfonso Cuaron's *Gravity*.

The film stars a host of established and up-and-coming British talents including **Enoch Frost** (*Skyfall, Outpost, Shifty*), **Arin Alldridge** (*The Bill, The Hunt For Gollum, The Cost Of Love*), **Neerja Naik** (*Life Goes On, Sold*), **Malcolm Tomlinson** (*Emmerdale*), **Sean Cronin** (*The Hooligan Wars, The Callback Queen*) and **Rajan Sharma** (*After It Fell, Fuji*), as well as **Nathanael Wiseman** who is making his feature film debut.

Hackney's Finest follows Sirus (Nathanael Wiseman), a courier controller come small-time drug dealer who gets caught in an elaborate trap set by two corrupt policemen with a private vendetta against him and his motley crew. What follows is a riotous night of violence between Sirus, the detectives and an unlikely bunch of Welsh-Jamaican arms dealers, drug-trafficking Afghan cousins and unrelenting Russian thugs.

Director **Chris Bouchard** said: "I'm thrilled that Hackney's Finest is going to premiere in East London, right where the film was conceived. We made this with a genuine fondness for East London, and it's a funny, powered up slice of entertainment with great, unusual characters. It's a 100% British film so it's fantastic that it will be released in the UK through select cinemas, DVD and On Demand."

To celebrate the film's upcoming release, its special premiere event on 30th March at East London's oldest screening venue, **Genesis Cinema** will begin with the premiere of *Hackney's Finest*, and follow with live sets at Bar Paragon from acoustic duo **O'Connell and Love** and special guests from acclaimed electro-rock band **Alabama 3**, both of which feature on the film's official soundtrack.

Doors will open at 8.00pm with a DJ set from Vindi Love, with the film beginning at 9.00pm. Live performances from 10.30pm til late night with a further guest to be announced soon. Early bird tickets are priced at £11 until 20th March 2015.

Additional ticketing and screening details are available at:

http://hackneymovie.com

https://www.genesiscinema.co.uk/films/coming-soon/hackneys-finest-monday-30th-march-2015/

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#### **About Trinity Film**

Trinity Film is an established, well-regarded all-rights film distribution and production company operating since 2006. Trinity has handled upscale foreign films, award-winning documentaries and British low-to-mid budget features. The Trinity team is well-known for its personal touch and has worked hand in



hand with such maverick directors such as Paolo Sorrentino (This Must Be The Place), Denis Villeneuve (Incendies), Gaspard Noé (Enter The Void), Ulrich Seidl (Import Export), Ruben Ostlünd (Involuntary). Trinity recently invested in new British cinema with Tom Shkolnik award-winning debut The Comedian, the 3D animated biopic A Liar's Autobiograpy, which brought together (most of) the Monty Pythons ahead of their 2014 reunion tour, and family drama Believe, the first ever film released on Sky Movies at the same time as in cinemas, starring Brian Cox as legendary coach Sir Matt Busby. Trinity recently entered the US market where it theatrically released the documentaries A Man's Story and Plot For Peace, competing for this year's Academy Awards. The company is also developing further British original content aimed at cinema and television distribution.

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#### **BIOGRAPHIES**

#### CHRIS BOUCHARD - Director

An award-winning director, Chris made <u>The Hunt For Gollum</u>, a 40-minute Tolkien adaptation that has had 15 million views on YouTube and garnered critical acclaim at festivals across the world. He also works with visual effects house Framestore in London (Avatar, Children Of Men, Harry Potter, Gravity). Chris was inspired by Thorin's story, when he was introduced via a poetry writers' circle in Gloucester. He immediately set about turning the raw script into a feature film.

### **THORIN SEEX - Writer**

Thorin describes himself as an "office monkey" and "motorbike nut". He has lived in Hackney for much of his life and has drawn on real experiences to bring the unusual characters in Hackney's Finest to the screen. By Thorin's own admission, his misspent youth (followed by an even more misspent adulthood) is his source of inspiration. He began writing due to a life long love of stories.

#### ARIN ALLDRIDGE - Producer/'Priestly'

Long-time collaborator with director Chris, and veteran actor, Arin is producing as well as starring in Hackney's Finest. He's been behind the project from the start, through script development, casting, pre-production and shoot.

#### **ENOCH FROST - 'Tony'**

Enoch is of Ghanaian heritage and was born in Balham, London After losing touch with his biological parents at 12 weeks of age, he lived in a south London children's home until he was adopted by English parents when he was 7 years old. He grew up in Somerset with his newfound family who were avid theatregoers and had several relatives who were successful actors. These included the late Sir Donald Sinden who encouraged Enoch to pursue a career in drama after watching him in a secondary school play. Enoch has played roles alongside the likes of Jude Law, Ralph Fiennes, Donald Sutherland, Ray Stephenson and Daniel Graig in acclaimed and commercially successful films including Skyfall, Love, Honor And Obey, Guardians Of The Galaxy and Shifty.

# NEERJA NAIK - 'Pari'

British Asian actress Neerja Naik graduated from Cambridge University with a degree in Economics, before training as an actor at the Drama Centre London, whose alumni include Paul Bettany, Anne-Marie Duff, Michael Fassbender, Colin Firth, Tom Hardy, Pierce Brosnan and Tara Fitzgerald. This year, along with her lead role in Hackney's Finest, she is starring in Sold alongside Gillian Anderson and David Arguette. The film, directed by award-winning filmmaker Jeffrey D Brown and executive produced by Emma Thompson, tells the story of a 13-year-old Nepalese girl who is trafficked across the Indian border and sold to a brothel in Kolkata. Her role in the film has seen her become an international ambassador for Taught Not Traffficked - a charity against the trafficking of youngsters from Nepal.

#### MALCOM TOMLINSON - 'Terence'

Malcolm is an actor and horseracing commentator who lives in East Yorkshire. He was born and grew up in Beverley, the county town of the East Riding of Yorkshire. After gaining a BA (Hons) degree in Drama and English at Huddersfield he trained at Mountview Theatre School, London. He has appeared in several of the leading soap operas including Bruce Baines in Emmerdale, Mr Davies in Hollyoaks and as Dot Cotton's Solicitor in Eastenders.

# NATHANAEL WISEMAN - 'Sirus'

In addition to his lead roles in Hackney's Finest and upcoming feature film Absolution, Nathanael has appeared in numerous plays including the hit run of Julius Caesar in the West End and the lead in cult Sam Sheppard play Cowboy Mouth at the Edinburgh fringe where he received great reviews. He has also written and appeared in numerous comedy shows most notably the lead role in TV pilot Stevie



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