JASON SEGEL, SAMARA WEAVING, TIMOTHY OLYPHANT, AND JULIETTE LEWIS STAR IN *THE TRIP* DIRECTED BY JORMA TACCONE AND PRODUCED BY 87NORTH & XYZ FILMS

Los Angeles, CA (November 19, 2024) – 87North and XYZ Films have begun production on the thriller *The Trip* from director Jorma Taccone (*Pop Star: Never Stop Stopping, MacGruber*, SNL). The film stars Jason Segel, Samara Weaving, Timothy Olyphant, Juliette Lewis, Paul Guilfoyle, and Keith Jardine. XYZ is financing the film and producing alongside 87North's Kelly McCormick (*The Fall Guy, Bullet Train*, the *Nobody* franchise), Lee Kim (*Dual, Get Away*), and Guy Danella (*Violent Night, Love Hurts*). Taccone and Tommy Wirkola are executive producing with Karen Gillan co-producing.

The film follows a dysfunctional couple (Segel and Weaving) who head to a remote cabin to "reconnect," but each has secret intentions to kill the other.

The script was adapted by Nick Kocher & Brian McElhaney from Wirkola's Norwegian thriller, *I Onde Dager*, which starred Noomi Rapace and Aksel Hennie, and was written by Wirkola, John Niven, and Nick Ball. *I Onde Dager* was produced by Jørgen Storm Rosenberg and Kjetil Omberg for 74 Entertainment and financed by XYZ in conjunction with IPR.VC. Rosenberg and Omberg are also serving as executive producers on *The Trip*.

Filming for The Trip is taking place in Tampere, Finland, with the film receiving production incentives from Business Finland, The City of Tampere and Film Tampere. Films Films is providing production services.

"I can't wait to see Jorma bring his totally singular sensibility to the material," said Wirkola. "That, combined with this killer cast, makes me beyond excited that this film will truly stand out in the cinematic landscape."

"I'm a huge fan of Tommy's work and I love the original film. I have a totally singular sensibility, and I can't wait to see what I bring to the material," said Jorma Taccone.

Jorma Taccone is one-third of the sketch comedy group The Lonely Island, with childhood friends Andy Samberg and Akiva Schaffer. In 2010, Taccone co-wrote and directed the SNL spinoff film *MacGruber*, which was his directorial debut. He directed his second feature alongside Schaffer, the musical comedy *Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping*, which he also cowrote and co-starred in with Schaffer and Samberg. He also produced the Sundance hit comedy, *Palm Springs*.

Jason Segel was nominated for an Emmy and Golden Globe Award for starring in the acclaimed AppleTV+ comedy series, "Shrinking," which is airing its second season now. Segel is also a cowriter and executive producer on the series. He also recently starred on the HBO series, "Winning Time: The Rise of the Lakers Dynasty." Segel was previously nominated for an Independent Spirit Award nomination for his leading role in the feature, "The End of the Tour" and is well known for starring in "Forgetting Sarah Marshall", "I Love You, Man," "Knocked Up," "The Muppets," among other features.

Weaving is best known for her leading role in the thriller *Ready or Not*. She has also been seen in *The Valet, Scream VI, Nine Perfect Strangers, Chevalier* and *Three Billboards Outside of Ebbing, Missouri*. She recently starred in *Borderline*.

Olyphant has appeared in numerous film and TV roles and is best known for his lead performance as US Marshall Raylan Givens in FX's "Justified" and the recent "Justified: City Primeval." He earned an Emmy nomination for Lead Actor in a Drama Series in 2011 for the role and was nominated for a Critics Choice Award for Best Actor in a Drama Series for his portrayal from 2011-2016. Other roles include Max's "Full Circle," "Daisy Jones and the Six," HBO's "Deadwood," The Crazies, Go and Once Upon a Time in Hollywood. He will next be seen in the FX series "Alien: Earth" and the Netflix action thriller Havoc.

Academy Award and Golden Globe-nominated Juliette Lewis is best known for recent standout television roles in "Yellowjackets" and her Emmy-nominated performance in "Welcome to Chippendales," as well as for iconic roles in Natural Born Killers and Martin Scorsese's Cape Fear, for which she was nominated for an Oscar for Best Actress in a Supporting Role.

Paul Guilfoyle is best known for his role in *LA Confidential* as Mickey Cohen. He has also had roles in *Arthur the King*, *Air Force One*, *Primary Colors* and the series "*The Good Fight*" and as Captain Jim Brass on "*CSI*: *Crime Scene Investigation*."

Keith Jardine is a former MMA fighter and UFC Octagon legend, making his mark as an actor in films like Paul Thomas Anderson's *Inherent Vice* and Ric Roman Waugh's *Shot Caller*. He also received praise for his roles in acclaimed series like Netflix's *Godless* and Showtime's *Shameless*.

Earlier this year, Universal Pictures released 87North's critically acclaimed film, *The Fall Guy* starring Ryan Gosling and Emily Blunt, earning \$181M worldwide. The company is currently in post-production on *Nobody 2* with Bob Odenkirk reprising his starring role and *Ballerina Overdrive* starring Uma Thurman. The company is also in pre-production on *Fast & Loose* starring Will Smith, with several feature film and TV projects in development. Universal will release 87North's next film, *Love Hurts* starring Ke Huy Quan and Ariana DeBose, next year on February 7, 2025.

Independent studio XYZ Films recently financed and produced the Sundance & Netflix hit *Skywalkers: A Love Story*, and *Blackberry* starring Gotham and Independent Spirit-award nominee Glenn Howerton. XYZ is currently in post-production on *Ash* starring Eiza González and Aaron Paul and directed by Flying Lotus, and the Netflix Original *Havoc*, directed by Gareth Evans and starring Tom Hardy and Forrest Whitaker. XYZ recently announced the global acquisition of *The Ritual* starring Al Pacino and Dan Stevens.

Segel is repped by UTA, Ocean Avenue and Sloane, Offer, Weber & Dern. Weaving is repped by CAA, 111 Media and Johnson Shapiro Slewett & Kole. Olyphant is repped by UTA. Lewis is repped by UTA, Untitled Entertainment and The Oriel Company. Guilfoyle is repped by Innovative Artists and Authentic Talent and Literary Management. Taccone is repped by UTA and Johnson Shapiro Slewett & Kole.

About 87North:

87North Productions is founded by Director/Producer David Leitch and Producer Kelly McCormick who are the force behind such iconic, high quality, and bold action tentpole films such as *The Fall Guy, Bullet Train, Fast & Furious Present: Hobbs & Shaw, Deadpool 2, Atomic Blonde, Nobody, Violent Night*, and *John Wick* whose films have earned a staggering combined total of over \$2.9 billion at the worldwide box office. In addition to *Love Hurts, Nobody 2, Ballerina Overdrive*, and *Fast & Loose*, upcoming projects in various stages of development

include *Kung Fu* starring Donnie Yen, *Versus* (Universal), *Red Shirt* (Amazon) starring Channing Tatum, *Ruby* (Amazon), and a sequel for *Violent Night* (Universal) with David Harbour returning as Santa Claus.

About XYZ Films:

XYZ Films is an independent studio whose mission is to empower visionary storytellers from every corner of the planet. As a producer, financier, and distributor, the company is uniquely suited to identify talented filmmakers and bring their stories to life. XYZ recently expanded into talent management, working with a global roster of filmmakers. XYZ was founded in 2008 by Nate Bolotin, Nick Spicer, and Aram Tertzakian.

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