

AFM: CMG to Deliver 'The Messenger'



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LONDON — International sales outfit <u>Cinema Management Group</u>
(http://variety.com/t/cinema-management-group/) has taken worldwide distribution rights to "The Messenger," and will be selling the pic at the <u>AFM (http://variety.com/t/afm/)</u>. The trailer for the film launched today.

The feature is directed by <u>David Blair (http://variety.com/t/david-blair/)</u> ("Best Laid Plans," "Accused"). The cast includes Robert Sheehan ("The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones," "Misfits"), Joely Richardson ("Nip/Tuck," "Girl With the Dragon Tattoo"), Jack Fox ("Dracula," "Fresh Meat"), Lily Cole ("The Moth Diaries," "Snow-white and the Huntsman"), David O'Hara ("Reach Me," "The Departed") and Tamzin Merchant ("Jane Eyre," "The Tudors").

The pic is the story of Jack: in and out of secure units all of his young life, subjected to every drug thrown at him, every treatment they can think of... but nothing is able to make the dead go away, they always find a way through. The pic is the story of Jack's last melt down: a story of frustration and guilt, love and betrayal, family and blame.

Unwillingly becoming embroiled in the unfinished business of Mark, a journalist brutally murdered in the local park and his television presenter wife, Sarah, to whom he's desperate to say one last goodbye, Jack finds himself getting closer to Sarah, obsessed with passing on Mark's message.

Discovering hidden secrets and lies finally pushes the fragile Jack over the edge, but there is hope when his estranged sister, Emma, gets in touch. Jack starts to remember the past they shared together and as the memories come flooding back, he confronts the truth about the death of his father.

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