





Noomi Rapace to star in Kim Farrant's Angel of Mine

Tuesday 6 February 2018: Noomi Rapace (*The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo, Prometheus*) has been cast in psychological thriller *Angel of Mine* directed by <u>Kim Farrant</u> (*Strangerland*).

Adapted by Academy Award®-nominated screenwriter <u>Luke Davies</u> (*Lion, Candy*) and David Regal from the 2008 French film *L'Empreinte*, the film has secured major production investment from Screen Australia in association with Film Victoria.

Now set in Melbourne, *Angel of Mine* follows a mother who, still struggling to cope with the loss of her daughter several years earlier, becomes convinced that a stranger's daughter is in fact her own. As her obsession grows, she becomes more and more entwined in this young girl's life, causing her to lose touch with reality.

Produced by Brian Etting and Josh Etting of Garlin Pictures alongside <u>Su Armstrong</u> (*Red Dog*) of SixtyFourSixty, *Angel of Mine* will be executive produced by Nadine de Barros and Robert Ogden Barnum of Fortitude International and Luke Davies. Fortitude International are attached for international sales, and will be presenting the film to buyers at the upcoming 2018 Berlin Film Market.

Director **Kim Farrant** says of the project, "What I love about this beautiful script (apart from the insanely brilliant Noomi) is that it's about intuition. We all know what it's like to know something deep in our bones and yet fall into the trap of doubting ourselves, and that questioning can drive us crazy."

Angel of Mine will be Australian director <u>Kim Farrant</u>'s second feature film and the follow up to her 2015 feature *Strangerland* starring Nicole Kidman, which was nominated for the 2015 Sundance Grand Jury Prize. Writer <u>Luke Davies</u> was nominated for Best Adapted Screenplay at the 2017 Academy Awards® for *Lion*, for which he also won at the 2017 BAFTAS, AACTA International Awards and AACTA Awards. His upcoming credits include Amazon's *Beautiful Boy* with Steve Carrell and the recently announced mini-series adaptation of Joseph Heller's *Catch 22* for Hulu with George Clooney attached to direct and star.

"Kim Farrant is an exceptionally talented director who displayed her interest in exploring themes around motherhood and grief with her debut *Strangerland*," said **Sally Caplan**, Head of Production at Screen Australia. "*Angel of Mine* is an incredible opportunity for her to establish herself internationally - directing a script by screenwriter of the moment Luke Davies, and top tier actor Noomi Rapace. This, in addition to the significant marketplace support from Fortitude and Becker, bodes well for the success of this film and the future of Kim's career."

The feature is scheduled to commence shooting in Melbourne in April 2018, and will be distributed in Australia and New Zealand by the Becker Film Group.

Film Victoria CEO **Caroline Pitcher** said, "Melbourne is the perfect filming backdrop that will bring an urban resonance to this compelling thriller. We are delighted that Victorian director Kim Farrant will direct a strong, immensely talented and internationally renowned cast on a project that creates jobs for our highly capable crew and production services companies."

Production credit: A SixtyFourSixty and Garlin Pictures feature with principal production investment from Screen Australia in association with Film Victoria. Developed by Garlin Pictures with the assistance of Screen Australia and SixtyFourSixty.



