

# Press Release



For immediate release: Monday 11 October 2010

## **WEEKENDER, directed by Andrew Haigh, begins principal photography**

**Shooting has begun in Nottingham on WEEKENDER, the sophomore feature film from director Andrew Haigh. WEEKENDER tells the story of Russell, who embarks on a life-changing brief encounter with a stranger over the course of one weekend. The film is an honest and unapologetic love story between two men, exploring the search for identity and the importance of making a passionate commitment to your life.**

WEEKENDER is a co-production between Nottingham based production company Glendale Picture Company, with the support of The Bureau Film Company, and Glasgow based Synchronicity Films. WEEKENDER is financed by Screen Agency EM Media, with support from East Midlands Development Agency and project development support from Creative Scotland. EM Media and Creative Scotland have previously worked together to co-finance Nick Whitfield's Michael Powell Award-winning *Skeletons* and Justin Molotnikov's Scottish BAFTA-winning *Crying With Laughter*.

WEEKENDER is directed by Andrew Haigh who has previously directed films including the Film4 and UK Film Council-backed short *Five Miles Out*, and the feature film *Greek Pete*. Both films have won awards and played at film festivals around the world, including Berlinale, Atlanta, Outfest and Edinburgh International Film Festival.

WEEKENDER is produced by Tristan Goligher who previously produced BAFTA-nominated director, Martin Radich's debut feature film, also co-financed by EM Media, *Crack Willow*. Since then Tristan has gone on to produce a number of short films and features, with a wide range of talent including artists, directors and actors such as Julie Gavras, Elodie Bouchez, William Hurt, and Isabella Rossellini.

WEEKENDER is intended for a UK theatrical release, and international sales.

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