



Press Release

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**PRINCIPAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMMENCES ON MAX MINGHELLA'S
'TEEN SPIRIT' STARRING ELLE FANNING**

London, July 10th, 2017. Principal photography has commenced on **TEEN SPIRIT**, the feature directorial debut from **Max Minghella**. Set in the world of pop-music, **TEEN SPIRIT** is a visceral and uplifting story about growing up, dreaming big, and finding your voice.

Elle Fanning (THE BEGUILED, 20TH CENTURY WOMEN) stars as "Violet, an aspiring singer who dreams of pop stardom as an escape from her small English town and a shattered family life. With the help of an unlikely mentor, Violet enters a singing competition that will test her integrity, talent, and ambition.

The cast is rounded out by highly respected international thespians **Zlatko Buric** (PUSHER) and **Agnieszka Grochowska** (CHILD 44). The film also boasts an impressive cast of rising stars, including **Clara Rugaard** (lead of upcoming MOTHER), **Millie Brady** (LAST KINGDOM), **Olivia Gray** (EASTENDERS), **Ruairi O'Connor** (HANDSOME DEVIL), **Archie Madewke** (LEGACY), and **Jordan Stephens** (ROGUE ONE: A STAR WARS STORY). **TEEN SPIRIT** shoots on location in London through July and August.

TEEN SPIRIT is an **Automatik** production, produced by Academy-Award® nominated producer **Fred Berger** (LA LA LAND) and **Brian Kavanaugh-Jones** (MIDNIGHT SPECIAL), in association with **Interscope** and Minghella's **Blank Tape**. **Jamie Bell** (BILLY ELLIOTT) will serve as executive producer.

Berger has re-assembled his award-winning LA LA LAND music team, lead by renowned music producer **Marius de Vries** (MOULIN ROUGE) and music supervisor **Steven Gizicki** (previously of LucasFilm), to produce the film's music. In addition to acting as producing partner, **Interscope Records** (LA LA LAND, THE GREAT GATSBY) will also handle the soundtrack, consisting of chart-topping pop anthems sung by Fanning and her co-stars.

On the start of shoot, Max Minghella comments "I'm so grateful to the incredible cast and crew who have made Teen Spirit a reality. In the words of Lizzie McGuire... 'This is what dreams are made of'."

Mister Smith Entertainment is financing and handling international sales. **CAA** arranged the financing and will represent domestic distribution rights. **SquareOne Entertainment** owns the distribution rights for Germany.

Minghella is represented by CAA and Anonymous Content. Fanning is represented by WME and Echo Lake.

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