

K5 INTERNATIONAL BITES INTO TOAST

LONDON (October) – K5 International, the worldwide sales company based in Munich, London and Los Angeles today announced that it has acquired international rights to the Ruby Film & Television production *TOAST*, which is currently in post-production.

TOAST stars Oscar® and BAFTA nominee Helena Bonham Carter, who is receiving positive notices for *The King's Speech*, and Freddie Highmore (*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Finding Neverland*, *August Rush*). The film is written by renowned British screenwriter Lee Hall (Steven Spielberg's *War Horse*, *Billy Elliot*), directed by SJ Clarkson ("Dexter", "Ugly Betty", "Whitechapel" and "Mistresses"), produced by Faye Ward and executive produced by Alison Owen, Paul Trijbits and Nicole Finnan for Ruby Film & Television (*Tamara Drewe*, *Chatroom*, *The Other Boleyn Girl*, *Temple Grandin* - winner of 7 Emmys) and Jamie Laurenson for the BBC.

K5's new Sales and Marketing chief Carl Clifton said, "I'm delighted to have been given the opportunity to work on this film and, of course, with SJ and the fantastic team at Ruby. *Toast* is shaping up to be a truly delicious treat and K5 is thrilled to be selling it."

"Nigel's story goes straight to the heart of our international passion for food," says producer Faye Ward. "It's a truly British story of our most loved chef, which we know will travel. We're delighted that it is being taken out across the world by K5"

TOAST, a triumph over adversity/coming of age tale based on the eponymous book by Nigel Slater, much loved British food writer, journalist and broadcaster, is written by Lee Hall (*Billy Elliot*, *Warhorse* for Dreamworks) and follows a young boy's childhood journey through everything edible in the 1960s and '70s.

Philippe Hellman's UGC PH has already acquired French-speaking rights to the film. Finance has come from Screen WestMidlands, the BBC, Lipsync and Cutting Edge.

K5 will be showing footage from the film during the AFM.

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About K5 International

K5 international was established in January 2007 as a new international sales agency with offices in Germany and the UK, and representation in LA. Its partners are Oliver Simon who oversees development and production, Daniel Baur who takes care of finance and business affairs, and Carl Clifton who handles sales and marketing.

With a committed strategy of putting quality before quantity, K5 International represents films with varying budgets, giving priority to commercial English language productions with unique qualities.

K5 International works closely with producers in all aspects of the production and sales cycle – financing, production, sales and marketing, distribution and collection. It recently made a strategic investment in Kevin Frakes' LA-based development entity Palmstar Entertainment.

The company can provide co-production partnerships through its sister company K5 Films, which has broad experience in accessing production subsidies available in the German-speaking market. Recent film titles include Tom McCarthy's US box office hit *THE VISITOR*;

About Ruby Film and Television Ltd

Ruby Film and Television is one of the UK's foremost independent TV and film production companies, run by Alison Owen and Paul Trijbits. The company leads the way in high profile book adaptations and mainstream TV and cinema, and has been behind an array of critically acclaimed and award winning films and television programmes over the past few years including *The Other Boleyn Girl*, *Brick Lane*, multiple Emmy award-winning *Temple Grandin* for HBO, Sundance award-winning *Five Minutes of Heaven* and BAFTA nominated Windrush drama *Small Island*, both for the BBC.

Currently in post-production is feature film *Jane Eyre* for Focus Features and BBC Films, adapted by playwright Moira Buffini and directed by Cary Fukunaga (*Sin Nombre*), starring Mia Wasikowska, Michael Fassbender and Dame Judi Dench. Films currently being released internationally include *Tamara Drewe* directed by Stephen Frears, adapted by Moira Buffini from Posy Simmonds' graphic novel, starring Gemma Arterton, Dominic Cooper and Luke Evans; and *Chatroom* adapted by Enda Walsh (*Hunger*) from his own play, directed by Hideo Nakata (*Ringu*), and starring Aaron Johnson, Imogen Poots and Matthew Beard.

Ruby Film and Television is also currently producing Nigel Slater's bestselling memoir *Toast* for BBC One, written by Lee Hall (*Billy Elliott*), directed by SJ Clarkson (*Life on Mars*, *Heroes*) and starring Helena Bonham Carter, Ken Stott and Freddie Highmore. The company recently struck a co-production and distribution deal with ITV Studios Global Entertainment.