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**“NORWEGIAN WOOD,” TRAN ANH HUNG’S ACCLAIMED FILM ADAPTION
OF MURAKAMI’S BELOVED NOVEL, AVAILABLE MAY 15 ON DVD AND DIGITAL**

“An elegant, immaculately shot meditation on survival and loss.” – *A.V. Club*
“A wonderful, passionate, well-nigh unforgettable adaptation of a great novel.” – *Salon*

March 21, 2012 – New York, New York – Tokyo, the late 1960s...Students around the world are uniting to overthrow the establishment and Toru Watanabe’s personal life is similarly in tumult. At heart, he is deeply devoted to his first love, Naoko, a beautiful and introspective young woman. But their complex bond has been forged by the tragic death of their best friend years before. Watanabe lives with the influence of death everywhere. That is, until Midori, a girl who is everything that Naoko is not – outgoing, vivacious and extremely self-confident – marches into his life and Watanabe must choose between his past and his future.

Based on the bestselling novel of the same name by **Haruki Murakami** (*IQ84*, *The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle*), **NORWEGIAN WOOD**, directed by Oscar®-nominated Vietnamese filmmaker **Tran Anh Hung** (*The Scent of Green Papaya*, *Cyclo*) releases on standard digital platforms and DVD on May 15. The film features rising stars **Kenichi Matsuyama** (*Death Note*, *Detroit Metal City*) as Toru, Oscar®-nominated **Rinko Kikuchi** (*Babel*) as Naoko, and newcomer **Kiko Mizuhara** as

Midori. BAFTA and Grammy®-winning composer **Jonny Greenwood** (*There Will Be Blood*), of the band Radiohead, wrote the original music score. **NORWEGIAN WOOD** was nominated for the Golden Lion Award at the 2010 Venice Film Festival and was an official selection at the 2010 Toronto Film Festival. The film released theatrically by Soda Pictures and Red Flag Releasing in January 2012.

Says Tran Anh Hung: “*Norwegian Wood* is a fantastic novel that brilliantly portrays the radical inner lives of youth, seeking to define their lives and accepting the consequences as they fall in love and honestly confront their emotions. The story is told in a nostalgic voice, looking back at the past, but I wanted to recreate the raw painfulness of fresh wounds.”

The upwards of 10 million copies of *Norwegian Wood* sold worldwide since the novel was published in 1987 is a testament to its popularity. Murakami’s book (published by Random House) is now available in 36 countries and is translated into 33 different languages.

NORWEGIAN WOOD also stars Reika Kirishima, Kengo Kora, Eriko Hatsune, and Tetsuji Tamayama; written and directed by Tran Anh Hung, based on the novel by Haruki Murakami; Mark Lee Ping Bin, director of photography; Mario Battistel, editor; Kaoru Matsuzaki and Joe Ikeda, associate producers; Shinji Ogawa, producer; Michael J. Werner and Wouter Barendrecht, co-executive producers; Masao Teshima and Chihiro, executive producers; original music by Jonny Greenwood. DVD bonus features include “The Making of **NORWEGIAN WOOD**” and a featurette on the film’s premiere at the Venice Film Festival.

Pricing:	\$29.95 SRP
Runtime:	113 minutes, plus extras
Rating:	N/A
DVD Catalog #:	NNVG269200
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Language:	Japanese, with English subtitles
Color:	Color
Audio:	Dolby Digital 5.1 Stereo
Genre:	Drama, World Cinema

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