

## CINEDIGM ACQUIRES U.S. DISTRIBUTION RIGHTS TO YUNG CHANG'S "THE FRUIT HUNTERS"

## New Documentary Starring Bill Pullman Featured at Berlin International Film Festival This Month

LOS ANGELES, CA (February 6, 2013) –Cinedigm (NASDAQ: CIDM) has acquired U.S. distribution rights from the National Film Board of Canada to THE FRUIT HUNTERS, a new documentary about the world of exotic fruits and their fanatics, directed by Yung Chang (*Up the Yangtze*) and co-produced by the NFB and EyeSteelFilm. Featuring actor and community activist Bill Pullman, THE FRUIT HUNTERS premiered in the U.S. in January 2013 at the Palm Springs International Film Festival following screenings at the International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam and Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival. Cinedigm plans a theatrical release in spring 2013, followed by release on VOD, digital and DVD.

THE FRUIT HUNTERS examines how we look at what we eat, and, by extension, what it means to be human. Chang spent two years on the trail of fruit-obsessed horticulturalists, pomologists and enthusiasts, with prominent focus on Bill Pullman, whose intense love of fruit leads to the creation of a community orchard in the Hollywood Hills. The real stars are the fruits, presented in all their mouthwatering, cinematic glory: cherimoyas, ice cream beans, durians and more. For its Palm Springs premiere, *ScreenDaily* called THE FRUIT HUNTERS a "fascinating and rather tasty film...a filmic feast in a number of ways." *IndieWire*'s Sydney Levine promised, "You have not seen one as appetizing as this sensual and seductive tribute to nature's sweetest bounty."

Emily Rothschild, Director of Acquisitions for Cinedigm, negotiated the film deal with Christina Rogers, Head of Sales, National Film Board of Canada.

"Yung Chang and 'THE FRUIT HUNTERS' team have made a unique, visually-arresting film that is also quite entertaining," said Rothschild. "We look forward to engaging adventurous agriculturists and foodies who will love it and, beyond that, to inviting a broader audience to explore a passionate world they likely never knew existed."

"We are thrilled to be working with Cinedigm," said Rogers. "This team has an amazing track record in documentary distribution and I know they will do a fabulous job getting it out to a wide audience in the U.S."

**THE FRUIT HUNTERS** is produced by Bob Moore and Mila Aung-Thwin (EyeSteelFilm) and Kat Baulu (NFB). Executive producers are Daniel Cross (EyeSteelFilm), Ravida Din (NFB) and Robin Smith (KinoSmith).

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