

**SAMUEL GOLDWYN FILMS TWIRLS**  
**'MAO'S LAST DANCER'**

***ACADEMY AWARD® NOMINEE BRUCE BERESFORD'S UPLIFTING TRUE  
STORY OF ONE'S MAN'S INCREDIBLE JOURNEY FROM POVERTY TO  
INTERNATIONAL STARDOM TO HIT THEATERS AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>***

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New York, NY (March 29, 2010) - Samuel Goldwyn Films announced today that it has acquired all U.S. rights to MAO'S LAST DANCER.

The company plans to release the film on August 6, 2010.

MAO'S LAST DANCER is the inspirational true story of dancer Li Cunxin and his extraordinary journey from poverty to international stardom. Based on the best selling autobiography, MAO'S LAST DANCER is a moving story about the quest for freedom and the courage it takes to live your own life. The film beautifully captures the struggle and triumph, as well as the intoxicating effects of first love and celebrity amid the pain of exile.

Directed by Academy Award nominee Bruce Beresford (DRIVING MISS DAISY), MAO'S LAST DANCER was produced by Academy Award nominee Jane Scott (SHINE) from a screenplay by Academy Award nominee Jan Sardi (SHINE, THE NOTEBOOK). It was runner up to PRECIOUS: BASED ON THE NOVEL "PUSH" BY SAPPHIRE for the Audience Award at the 2009 Toronto Film Festival and winner of the Audience Award at the 2009 Sao Paulo Film Festival in Brazil.

MAO'S LAST DANCER stars Bruce Greenwood, Kyle MacLachlan, Joan Chen, Chi Cao and Amanda Schull. It opened Australia in spectacular fashion where it currently sits as one of the highest grossing films of all time.

According to Sam Goldwyn Jr., Chairman and CEO of Samuel Goldwyn Films: "MAO'S LAST DANCER is a hauntingly beautiful film with universal appeal that I've been thinking about nonstop since Toronto. We are ecstatic to bring Bruce Beresford's and Jane Scott's outstanding film to the U.S."

Jane Scott goes on to say: "I am thrilled that Samuel Goldwyn Films will be handling the distribution of MAO'S LAST DANCER. This amazing story has been embraced by audiences wherever it has screened and I am delighted that American audiences will now have the chance to experience the same incredible, emotional journey. Goldwyn's belief and enthusiasm for MAO'S LAST DANCER is everything a producer could wish for and I very much look forward to working with the team on the U.S. release."

Peter Goldwyn, Vice President of Acquisitions for Samuel Goldwyn Films negotiated the deal with Hengameh Panahi of Celluloid Dreams.

**ABOUT SAMUEL GOLDWYN FILMS**

Samuel Goldwyn Films is a major, independently owned and operated motion-picture company that develops produces and distributes innovative feature films and documentaries. The company is dedicated to working with world renowned and emerging writers/filmmakers and committed to filmed entertainment that offers original voices in uniquely told stories. This steadfastness is best exemplified by the Academy Award® nominated THE SQUID AND THE WHALE and SUPER SIZE ME, AMAZING GRACE and Julie Delpy's hit comedy 2 DAYS IN PARIS. Goldwyn's recent slate included PRICELESS, a romantic comedy starring Audrey Tautou, Academy Award® winner Claude Lelouch's ROMAN DE GARE, the critically hailed ELEGY starring Academy Award® nominee Penélope Cruz and Academy Award® winner Ben Kingsley and the box office smash FIREPROOF.