

Production Begins on David Cronenberg's **COSMOPOLIS**

Starring Robert Pattinson

For Immediate Release

May 26, 2011 (Toronto) -- Principal photography has begun on **David Cronenberg's** latest film **COSMOPOLIS**, which he adapted from **Don DeLillo's** novel of the same name. Starring **Robert Pattinson** (*Water For Elephants*, *The Twilight Saga*), the forty-day shoot on location and in studio will run through mid-July in Toronto.

COSMOPOLIS is produced by **Paulo Branco** (*Mysteries of Lisbon*) through Paris-based Alfama Films Production, and **Martin Katz** (*Hotel Rwanda*) of Toronto-based Prospero Pictures as a Canada-France co-production. **COSMOPOLIS** is the third collaboration between Katz and Cronenberg, after the multi-award-winning *Spider* and the soon-to-be released *A Dangerous Method*. Executive Producers are **Edouard Carmignac** and **Grégoire Melin**. **Joseph Boccia** serves as line producer and **Walter Gasparovic** serves as associate producer. **COSMOPOLIS** is directed by **David Cronenberg**.

COSMOPOLIS is a contemporary thriller about a young billionaire asset manager on a twenty-four hour odyssey across Manhattan. Despite traffic jams and a looming financial disaster, Eric Packer (Pattinson) risks traveling cross-town in his stretch limousine for a haircut. During delays including a presidential motorcade, a celebrity funeral, and political protests, Eric receives visitors, both for business and pleasure, in his opulent, high-tech automobile. As the encounters and the economic crisis intensify, Packer cynically gambles with his clients' fortunes and his own. The stakes are enormous, and in the hours that pass, Packer's limousine and life veer toward the end of an era.

Rounding out the all-star international cast are Academy Award-winner **Juliette Binoche** (*Chocolat*), Academy Award-nominee **Paul Giamatti** (*Barney's Version*), Academy Award-nominee **Samantha Morton** (*In America*), **Sarah Gadon** (*A Dangerous Method*), **Mathieu Amalric** (*The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*) and **Jay Baruchel** (*Tropic Thunder*, *The Trotsky*).

The creative team includes Director of Photography **Peter Suschitzky** (*A History of Violence*), Production Designer **Arv Greywal** (*Lars and The Real Girl*) and Costume Designer **Denise Cronenberg** (*Eastern Promises*). **Howard Shore** (*The Lord of The Rings Trilogy*) will compose the music for the film.

Martin Katz, producer and founder of **Prospero Pictures** says "I am delighted to be continuing a decade-long collaboration with David Cronenberg on our third feature film together." Katz believes "**COSMOPOLIS** is a timeless story of excess and greed that all audiences will recognize in the wake of the financial crisis."

Grégoire Melin's Paris-based **Kinology** will handle International Sales; **Entertainment One** will handle distribution in Canada while RAI Cinema SpA will distribute in Italy. **COSMOPOLIS** is produced with the support of Telefilm Canada, The OMDC and the Harold Greenberg Fund.

Prospero Pictures is an independent production and finance company specializing in international co-productions founded by Martin Katz. Katz has worked with a number of the industry's most-respected directors, including Richard Attenborough, Michael Winterbottom and Terry George. George's film *Hotel Rwanda* was received with wide critical acclaim and was nominated for three Oscars and three Golden Globes, and won the Humanitas Prize and the TIFF, LA and Berlin Festivals' People's Choice Awards

Alfama Films, created in 2006 by award-winning producer Paulo Branco, is an independent production company committed to developing international co-productions, as well as continuing Branco's long-standing relationships with some of the world's most innovative directors, including Raoul Ruiz, Laurence Ferreira Barbosa, Christophe Honoré and Werner Schroeter.

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About Kinology

Kinology represents some of the most ambitious and innovative feature films in Europe starring Jean-Francois Richet in *Mesrine/Public Enemy Number One* and the 2010 international hits Rodrigo Cortés' *Buried* and Pascal Chaumeil's *Heartbreaker*. With the soon to be released *Upside Down*, a €45 million budget sci fi romance, Kinology has established itself as a major international entertainment company.

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