



## Metropolis, Timeless board six new films for sales at AFM

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A slate of six titles for the AFM has been announced by the two newly formed international sales companies, Metropolis International Sales and Timeless Films.

Metropolis International Sales and Timeless Films were launched as a joint venture in the UK in September by veteran sales executive Ralph Kamp, formerly head of Odyssey, and Tim Smith, managing director of Prescience.

Among the first projects in the Timeless slate will be *Wickie the Mighty Viking*, the No.1 box office hit from Michael “Bully” Herbig and Constantin Film, *Animals United*, a 3D animated feature also from Constantin Film, which is set for worldwide release in October 2010 and *Space Chimps 2: Zartog Strikes Back*, a 3D film due for release in the US by 20th Century Fox in the summer of 2010.

Timeless will also be selling the 3D debut of the world’s most successful mailman, *Postman Pat*. It will begin filming in February 2010 for a worldwide release in the summer of 2011.

Meanwhile, here at the AFM, sister company Metropolis is handling Ian Dury biopic *sex&drugs&rock&roll*, which had a market premiere in advance of the AFM at an invitation only screening.

On October 27th, principal photography began on another Metropolis title, *The Guard*, a comedy thriller starring Brendon Gleeson and Don Cheadle as an Irish Garda and FBI agent respectively.

Metropolis International Sales marks Prescience’s first foray into the international sales arena. It is handling all product genres excluding family and children — where Timeless will continue to specialise. Under the joint venture, both Timeless and Metropolis will be spearheaded by Kamp and underwritten by Prescience.

Ralph Kamp, CEO of Timeless Films commented: “In a very short space of time, Timeless has assembled a winning slate of first-rate family films that will stand the test of time, having established themselves as leading brands from the outset.”

Smith, who is also CEO of Metropolis International Sales, said: “The debut slate from Metropolis is a blueprint of what we will deliver from hereon. The films are all high quality endeavours from unique voices. These films will gain rapid acceptance in the international market place.”

Metropolis and Timeless will operate from the same offices in the Loews during the AFM, which runs November 4 - 11.