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TRIBECA FILM ACQUIRES U.S. RIGHTS TO ATLAS INDEPENDENT'S *OPEN GRAVE* STARRING SHARLTO COPLEY, JOSEPH MORGAN, JOSIE HO, AND THOMAS KRETSCHMANN

Gripping film will premiere at 2013 Sitges Film Festival before its December 2013 release via Tribeca Film

New York, NY – October 7, 2013 – Tribeca Film today announced it has acquired all U.S. rights to Spanish director Gonzalo López-Gallego's mind-bending thriller *Open Grave* starring Sharlto Copley (*District 9*, *Elysium*), Joseph Morgan ("The Vampire Diaries," "The Originals"), Josie Ho ("Contagion"), and Thomas Kretschmann (*Valkyrie*, *Wanted*). The film is produced by William Green and Aaron L. Ginsburg of Atlas Independent, Michael B. Wunderman, and in association with 852 Films.

Open Grave will premiere at the prestigious international genre festival, Sitges Film Festival, in Spain this month, before its December day and date release in the U.S. via Tribeca Film. The film had its world premiere at the MotelX Festival in Portugal this past September.

The high-concept *Open Grave* follows a man (Copley) who wakes up in a pit of dead bodies with no memory of who he is or how he got there. Fleeing the scene, he breaks into a nearby house and is met at gunpoint by a group of terrified strangers, all suffering from memory loss. Suspicion gives way to violence as the group starts to piece together clues about their identities, but when they uncover a threat that's more vicious than each other, they are forced to figure out what brought them all together -- before it's too late.

"This highly original thriller by Spanish helmer Gonzalo López-Gallego is as full of mystery and suspense as it is of bodies and terror. Anchored by a sterling performance from Sharlto Copley, *Open Grave* is an exhilarating journey that leaves us breathless until the very end," said Geoff Gilmore, Chief Creative Officer of Tribeca Enterprises.

"Tribeca Film understands the dynamics of independent filmmaking, they appreciate unique storytelling and support emerging talent," said Producer William Green of Atlas Independent. "Gonzalo López-Gallego's *Open Grave* is a film with a distinct point of view so Tribeca Film was the perfect choice to champion the project alongside us at Atlas Independent."

The film will be released day and date this December on cable/telco and satellite video-on-demand platforms, as well as iTunes, Amazon Watch Instantly, VUDU, Playstation, and Google Play, followed by a theatrical release in major markets.

The deal was negotiated for Tribeca Film by Nick Savva, VP of Acquisitions, and Deb McIntosh from WME on behalf of the filmmakers.

For updates on the *Open Grave* you can go to: <http://on.fb.me/1fUNWdO>

Editor's note: A film still can be accessed at the following link: <http://tribecafilm.com/press-center/tribeca/open-grave-still>

About Tribeca Film

Tribeca Film is a comprehensive distribution label dedicated to acquiring and releasing independent films across multiple platforms, including theatrical, video-on-demand, digital, home video and television. It is an initiative from Tribeca Enterprises designed to provide new platforms for how film can be experienced, while supporting filmmakers and introducing audiences to films they might not otherwise see. Current and

upcoming Tribeca Film releases include the 2013 SXSW Audience Award *Zero Charisma*, James Franco's *Sal*, the award-winning *The Broken Circle Breakdown*, and Francesca Gregorini's *The Truth About Emanuel*.

ABOUT ATLAS INDEPENDENT

Atlas Independent is comprised of a hands-on team of film-makers working under the umbrella of Charles Roven's Atlas Entertainment. Led by William Green, Atlas Independent produces indie-minded movies with budgets of \$10 million or less, betting on the potential high profit margins of smaller films. The company has creative control on its projects and looks for independent financing, finding distribution after production. Atlas Independent's first film, *Revenge for Jolly!*, premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival in April of 2012 and shortly after was acquired by Sony Pictures World Wide Acquisitions. The film was released in May of 2013. Atlas Independent is currently in production on William Monahan's *MOJAVE* which stars Oscar Isaac, Garrett Hedlund, Louise Bourgoïn, and Walton Goggins. Additionally, Gonzalo Lopez-Gallego's *Open Grave* which stars Sharlto Copley and Thomas Kretschmann will be distributed by Tribeca Film this December and sold internationally by Speranza13 Media.

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