

Chris Pine, Amanda Seyfried and Chiwetel Ejiofor to star in ‘Z For Zachariah’



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Craig Zobel will helm the pic

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With his movie only days away from bowing, “Star Trek Into Darkness” star [Chris Pine](http://variety.com/t/chris-pine/) (<http://variety.com/t/chris-pine/>) looks to have found his next project as he, [Amanda Seyfried](http://variety.com/t/amanda-seyfried/) (<http://variety.com/t/amanda-seyfried/>) and Chiwetel Ejiofor are set to star in the indie “[Z For Zachariah](http://variety.com/t/z-for-zachariah/)” (<http://variety.com/t/z-for-zachariah/>).

Craig Zobel will direct from a script by Nissar Modi.

Based on the Robert O'Brien tome, follows a teenage girl who lives alone and maintains a farm in the only valley with breathable air in the wake of nuclear war. Her world is turned upside down when two strangers wander in from the forest.

Material Pictures' Tobey Maguire and Matthew Plouffe will produce alongside Zik Zak Filmworks' Skuli Malmquist, Thor Sigurjonsson and Palomar Pictures' Joni Sighvatsson. Gary Ross and Lucky Hat Entertainment's Stephen Bannatyne will executive produce, along with Silver Reel's Claudia Bluemhuber and Lotus Entertainment's Jim Seibel and Bill Johnson.

"Everyone at Material Pictures and Zik Zak Filmworks is thrilled "Z for Zachariah" has attracted such a dynamic and talented cast," said Maguire. "With Modi's enthralling script and the vision Zobel has for the film, we're excited to bring such a captivating story to audiences."

Lotus will commence international sales at Cannes. CAA arranged financing for the project, and CAA and WME will co-represent domestic rights.

Featured on the 2012 Black List, this property now looks to be on a fast track to getting under way with production set to start this August.

After back-to-back roles in "Star Trek Into Darkness" and "Jack Ryan," Pine was looking to take on something smaller and had been weighing a handful of films on this scale.

"Star Trek Into Darkness" bows on Friday and "Jack Ryan" bows on Christmas Day. Pine is repped by CAA and John Carabino Management.

The Innovative Artist repped Seyfried has done a nice job balancing between smaller films on the indie scale and more commercial properties

like Seth MacFarlane's "A Million Ways to Die in the West" which is currently shooting.

Ejirofor is repped by CAA and Markham Froggatt and Irwin and has several films expected to bow this year including the highly-anticipated New Regency pic "12 Years a Slave."

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