

# *Cannes: Halle Berry Stars in Di Bonaventura-produced 'Kidnap'*



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*Lorenzo di Bonaventura produces, Luis Prieto helms, Lotus handles international sales*

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Academy Award winner **Halle Berry** will star in **Luis Prieto's** action thriller "**Kidnap**," which is produced by Di Bonaventura Pictures' **Lorenzo di Bonaventura** and Erik Howsam.

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**Lotus Entertainment** is launching international sales at Cannes. CAA packaged "**Kidnap**" and reps domestic rights.

"**Kidnap**" follows a mother (Berry) who will stop at nothing to rescue her kidnapped son.

Joey Tufaro and Colin Bates, and Claudia Blumhuber and Florian Dargel of Silver Reel along with Lotus' Bill Johnson and Jim Seibel will executive produce.

In addition, Berry will also executive produce with her producing partner, Elaine Goldsmith-Thomas, via their 606 Films production label.

Johnson and Seibel said: "Lorenzo is a renowned **producer** in the blockbuster action world, and we're very excited to be working on such an exciting high concept project with him."

They added: We look forward to seeing him join forces with the incredible talent of Halle Berry and Luis Prieto on a project that is sure to appeal to audiences worldwide."

Spanish helmer Prieto had a big-hit with the Italian romantic meller "I Want You," then helmed Brit crime thriller "Pusher."

Di Bonaventura, Lotus and Silver Reel previously collaborated on the remake of Korean hit actioner "Sympathy for Mr.Vengeance," currently in development.

Berry is repped by CAA, Vincent Cirrincione Associates and attorney Doug Stone with Stone, Meyer, Genow, Smelkinson and Binder. Prieto is represented by CAA.

The Cannes slate of Lotus includes "Grace of Monaco," plus Tom Tykwer's "A Hologram For a King," Scott Hicks' "Fallen," based on the best-selling YA novel, which are both in production. Other titles include Henry Hobson's "Maggie," with Arnold Schwarzenegger; Craig Zobel's "Z for Zachariah," starring Chiwetel Ejiofor and Chris Pine; Stephen Gaghan's "Candy Store"; and "Song One," with Anne Hathaway.