

AFM: Stephen Gaghan's 'Candy Store' Finds Financing

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Stephen Gaghan

Robert De Niro, Jason Clarke and Omar Sy star in the crime-thriller.

Worldview Entertainment and Lotus Entertainment are teaming to finance and produce **Stephen Gaghan's** long-gestating movie project *Candy Store*.

The crime thriller, from a script Gaghan wrote with **Shannon Burke**, stars **Robert De Niro, Jason Clarke and Omar Sy**. Lotus will shop *Candy Store* to foreign buyers gathering next week in Santa Monica for the American Film Market.

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CAA packaged and arranged financing for the movie, which revolves around an undercover agent who begins a new life as a beat cop in Brooklyn, only to find his past life coming back to haunt him.

"*Candy Store* is a gritty, high energy crime thriller and we could not ask for a more talented director and cast. Stephen has written another world-class screenplay and we are confident that it will lead to box office success," said Worldview CEO, **Christopher Woodrow**.

Gaghan and **Allison Shearmur** are producing alongside Woodrow and Worldview's **Molly Connors, Nicolas Gonda and Ryan Rettig** also are producing for Ironwood Entertainment, which is making a small investment in *Candy Store*. Executive producers are **Maria Cestone, Sarah E. Johnson, Bill Johnson, Jim Seibel, Michael G. Macs, Allyn Stewart, Kipp Nelson** and **Suzanne Joskow**.

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At AFM, Lotus will also be selling *A Hologram for the King*, starring **Tom Hanks**. The company also is Worldview's partner on *Song One*, starring **Anne Hathaway**, and is prepping YA film adaptation *Fallen*, directed by **Scott Hicks** and **Jeremy Irvine**.