

Jai Courtney To Star Opposite Lily James In ‘The Kaiser’s Last Kiss’

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EXCLUSIVE– [Jai Courtney](#) (*Suicide Squad*) will star opposite [Lily James](#) and Christopher Plummer in *The Kaiser’s Last Kiss*. Film House Germany’s [Egoli Tossell](#) Film is producing the film. Five-time Tony-nominated theatre director David Leveaux will make his feature debut with the spy thriller set in the early years of World War II, in the aftermath of the Nazi invasion of the Netherlands in 1940. Living there is former monarch Kaiser Wilhelm, living in exile since 1917. In an effort to thwart the Nazis, the Dutch resistance work covertly with Winston Churchill to insert an agent into the Kaiser’s household. A lethally dangerous love affair ignites between a German officer (Courtney) and a young Jewish Dutch woman (James) with devastating consequences as the Nazis race to identify and eliminate the agent behind the potentially disastrous defection of their former Emperor to England.

Written by Simon Burke and based on the novel by Alan Judd, *The Kaiser’s Last Kiss* is an Egoli Tossell Film and Ostar Enterprises production. Judy Tossell and Lou Pitt are producing and Bill Haber and Phil Geier are executive producing. Lotus Entertainment introduced the project to foreign buyers in Cannes. Production begins this summer.

The casting of Courtney opposite rising star James makes this picture a hit title to look out for come awards season next year. Courtney plays the villain-forced-to-be-hero ‘Boomerang’ in Warner Bros’ *Suicide Squad* opposite Will Smith, Margot Robbie and Jared Leto. Courtney recently appeared in Paramount’s *Terminator: Genisys* for Paramount; as well as Lionsgate’s *Divergent* series.

Courtney is repped by UTA and Silver Lining Entertainment. James is repped by Tavistock Wood Management and UTA. Plummer is represented by Markham, Froggatt, Irwin, ICM Partners and The Pitt Group. Leveaux is repped by CAA.

The Kaiser's Last Kiss is the latest addition to the Film House Germany / Egoli Tossell Film slate which includes *Mandela's Children* by Kweku Mandela and Kemal Akhtar; Jalmari Helander's *Big Game*; and Jon Baird's *Ivanhoe*.