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Phase 4 Films to Distribute Alex Gibney's Hockey Doc 'The Last Gladiators'

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Phase 4 Films has acquired all U.S. and Canadian rights to Alex Gibney's hockey documentary "The Last Gladiators." The distributor will begin with a theatrical release in Canada in October, with a U.S. release following in early 2013.

The film, which had its premiere at the 2011 Toronto International Film Festival, provides a glimpse into the very intense and often dangerous strategies employed by some of professional hockey's biggest and baddest players. Gibney also explores the career of Chris "Knuckles" Nilan, an infamous enforcer who helped lead

the Montreal Canadiens to the Stanley Cup in 1986.

"We are thrilled to team up with Alex Gibney to provide audiences with an opportunity to see behind the curtain of the NHL," said Phase 4 president and CEO Berry Meyerowitz. "'The Last Gladiators' is an incredibly inspiring, introspective and entertaining film that you will think about for a long time."

Phase 4's Larry Greenberg and Sam Posner negotiated the deal with Josh Braun of Submarine Entertainment and Anne Atkinson of Pryor Cashman LLP on behalf of the filmmakers.

Phase 4 has recently released "Hick" and "Red State," and it has "That's What She Said" and "Bindlestiffs" opening soon.



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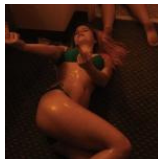
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Distribution round-up: Toronto's Frances Ha, The Last Gladiator

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IFC Films announced on Thursday (20) it will release Noah Baumbach's *Frances Ha* in North and Latin America, while Phase 4 has acquired Alex Gibney's ice hockey documentary *The Last Gladiator*.

Frances Ha stars Greta Gerwig as a carefree dreamer in New York. Baumbach wrote the screenplay with Gerwig and produced alongside Lila Yacoub, Scott Rudin and Rodrigo Teixeira. Fernando Loureiro and Lourenço Sant'Anna of RT Features served as executive producers.

Sundance Selects/IFC Films svp of acquisitions and productions Arianna Bocco brokered the deal with UTA on behalf of the filmmakers and RT.

Phase 4 Films picked up North American rights to *The Last Gladiators* and will open the film in Canada in October and in the US in early 2013. The film follows the professional career and personal life of team enforcer Chris "Knuckles" Nilan. Phase 4's Larry Greenberg and Sam Posner negotiated the deal with Josh Braun of Submarine and Anne Atkinson of Pryor Cashman LLP on behalf of the filmmakers.

- Music Box Films has acquired all US and Canadian rights to Travis Fine's *Any Day Now* and will release in theatres in December. Preferred Content's Christine D'Souza and Kevin Iwashina negotiated for the filmmakers with Music Box's William Schopf and Ed Arentz.

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