

TUTHILL ASSIGNS WORLDWIDE RIGHTS TO *THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS*

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Oliver Tuthill, president of Blue Wood Films LLC, has signed with producer representatives Circus Road Films Inc. to represent his film, *The Right to Bear Arms*, in discussions with North American distributors.

John Savage (*The Deer Hunter*), Lionel Flynn, and Tara Walker (*Cathedral Park*) star in Tuthill's story of illegal gun dealers who plan the assassination of a United States prosecutor and gun control advocate.

"We are very pleased to bring this exciting new film to the worldwide marketplace,"

said Circus Road's Zac Reeder, after seeing the film at the American Film Market in Los Angeles. "The strong storyline and acting set it apart from most films in the genre. We have high expectations for the film."

Circus Road Films, based out of Hollywood, was founded by Reeder and Glen Reynolds in 2006 to provide strategic advisory services to filmmakers and entertainment companies.

Tuthill said he chose Circus Road Films because "Zac and Glen are seasoned professionals who have been in the business for years and they have a first rate team behind them. I know they are going to be very successful in placing this film because they believe in it."

Circus Road Films has worked on such projects as *Night Train*

with Danny Glover and Steve Zahn, *Blood and Bone* starring Michael Jai White, and *Special* starring Michael Rappaport.

Tuthill is also very excited about the actors in the film. "John Savage is a proven veteran and he came aboard after he read the script," he said. "Lionel Flynn is a young actor who was a student of mine in a class on directing I was teaching at Seattle Central, and it hit me almost immediately this young man had all the abilities I have ever seen in an actor."

He continued, "He is made from the same mold as Robert DeNiro and Al Pacino, and he is going to be a major international star. People just need to see the film and they will know. His talent speaks for itself. After working with Lionel in my class

I knew I had to make my next film with him."

Tuthill is also big on Tara Walker, who plays opposite Flynn as the girl he falls in love with. "Tara has an outstanding background in film and she has really paid her dues," said Tuthill. "She is very gifted and was a pleasure to work with on the set."

Blue Wood Films is in development on another thriller to be shot this summer in Seattle, also featuring Flynn and Walker. Tuthill hopes to have Savage back as well.

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