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First Independent, Magnolia team on *Moving McAllister*

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First Independent Pictures (FIP) and Magnolia Home Entertainment have co-acquired North American rights to Ben Gourley's road movie *Moving McAllister*.

The picture stars Utah-born Gourley as a Miami law firm intern who agrees to escort the senior partner's attractive niece across the States. Rutger Hauer, Jon Heder and Mila Kunis also star.

Andrew Black directed and Gourley wrote the screenplay, put together the financing and produced alongside Jason Faller, Kynan Griffin, T R Gourley and

Maclain Nelson.

Moving McAllister will roll out in selected cities on Sept 14. TriCoast International is handling foreign sales.

"*Moving McAllister* is an excellent addition to First Independent's slate of theatrical pictures," FIP president Gary Rubin said. "We are now pleased to add distributing wider releases to the services we provide producers.

"We were after this hysterical and touching film since AFM, and are also quite pleased to have made an alliance for this picture with Magnolia Home Entertainment.

"Randy Wells and I have known each other back to Artisan Entertainment, and I have always respected the Magnolia Pictures team, particularly head of acquisitions Tom Quinn."

"We are very excited to be working with the First Independent and Revel teams on the release of this film," Wells, head of Magnolia Home Entertainment, said. Revel Entertainment is Gourley's company.

"Ben has an extremely bright future ahead of him. His on-screen presence and talent along with his unbelievable creativity and tenacity behind the camera will help propel him to great heights, and we are extremely proud to be a part of helping bring his efforts to a wider audience."

Rubin and FIP's director of acquisitions Allison Wolf and attorney Shelley Surpin negotiated the deal with Magnolia 's senior vice president Tom Quinn, Jason Janego and Wells, and TriCoast International heads Ami Artzi, Strath Hamilton and Marcy Levitas Hamilton.