



Hollywood heavyweight Sylvester Stallone stars in this riveting crime thriller!

Defiant Screen Entertainment is proud to present **BACKTRACE**, starring action legend and three-time Academy Award nominee Sylvester Stallone alongside Matthew Modine (*Full Metal Jacket*, *TVs Stranger Things*) and Ryan Guzman (*TVs Pretty Little Liars*, *TVs 9-1-1*, *Notorious*).

The film tells the story of a small-town heist that goes horribly wrong leaving only one survivor, MacDonald. But his injuries have left him with amnesia, and he can't remember the crime or where he stashed the money. When a mysterious trio break him out of hospital, they inject him with an experimental serum to try to solve the million-dollar mystery...but a determined local Detective and a long-forgotten enemy are on their trail and MacDonald's fractured mind may not survive the drug's dangerous side effects.

Describing his excitement on receiving the script, Director Brian A. Miller says, "The second I got the script, I was immediately attracted to it – the story has a huge action hook. For me it's extremely exciting because it's a whodunit, and as you pull that string, it takes you into different places where the audience has no idea where you're going. But the big finale will blow them away!"

When asked about the strength of the cast he put together Miller said, "I'm a huge Stallone fan. When I was a kid I was there for the Rocky films, the Rambo movies, Cobra, anything he did, I was always there catching it. And my dad was a huge Rocky fan. So, it was the opportunity of a lifetime, and of my career, to get to work with him on BACKTRACE."

"Sly is an auteur, he knows the camera and story inside and out," continues Miller. "The other day I was talking to him in his trailer and I told him, 'We have a few driving sequences, and we're going to start on a Grand Prix racetrack.' So, I said, 'Do you want to go out there and feel the track, and take it slow, maybe get used to the car, just get comfortable?' Well, Sly's idea of taking it slow is putting on the gas! He started throwing the car through the loops on the track! When he was done, he got out and said, 'Was that too slow for you, Brian?' Sly makes every scene come to life!"

Ryan Guzman says about working with Stallone, "I've dreamt of getting an offer to do a Stallone film. This is the dream come true for me. Getting to know the man behind Rocky and Rambo and all these incredible, legendary roles we all grew up on was very fun. He's an icon for a reason!"

Matching Stallone in intensity is Emmy award nominee and Golden Globe award-winner Matthew Modine, whose memorable roles in *Full Metal Jacket*, *The Dark Knight Rises* and Netflix's *Stranger Things* has made him one of acting's true gentleman geniuses. "Matthew Modine is just fantastic," says Miller. "He is such a talented actor and brings so much to the table. We walked through scene by scene, we went shot by shot through locations. He brought everything I need to tell this story."

**BACKTRACE is a riveting crime thriller fuelled by memory, family, fury and betrayal
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