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Viggo Mortensen to star in thriller 'Unabomb'



EXCLUSIVE: IM Global fully financing and introducing to Cannes buyers.

Two-time Oscar nominee Viggo Mortensen will star in the thriller *Unabomb* for *The Trouble With The Curve* director Robert Lorenz.

IM Global is fully financing the project and lining up additional cast for a January 2018 production start.

Lorenz is producing *Unabomb* with Michele Weisler and IM Global's president of feature film production Greg Shapiro.

Unabomb centres on one of the largest manhunts in history as FBI agent Jim Freeman, played by Mortensen, takes on the unsolved case of the Unabomber, who terrorised Americans with 16 bombings over the course of two decades.

Freeman and his unconventional team travel the country piecing together a profile of the infamous hooded suspect.

However the closer they get to narrowing down the terrorist's identity, the more deadly and personal the attacks become.

Mortensen earned a lead actor Oscar nod earlier this year for *Captain Fantastic*, which travelled to the Croisette last year where it earned Matt Ross the directing prize in Un Certain Regard. Mortensen was nominated for the first time for *Eastern Promises* in 2008.

Unabomb has quality all the way through. Lorenz has earned three best picture Oscar nominations for global smash *American Sniper*, *Letters From Iwo Jima*, and *Mystic River*, while Shapiro shared the best picture Oscar for *The Hurt Locker* and served as executive producer on *Zero Dark Thirty*.

Weisler's executive producer credits include *The Ring* and *The Ring Two*.

IM Global's Cannes sales slate includes Oliver Stone's Showtime documentary *The Putin Interviews*, which the director will support with a presentation to buyers on the Croisette; and Johnny Depp in comedy-drama *Richard Says Goodbye*.

The roster features Brian De Palma's thriller *Domino* with Nikolaj Coster-Waldau and Christina Hendricks; and mystery *Serenity* starring Matthew McConaughey, Uma Thurman, Anne Hathaway, Jason Clarke and Djimon Hounsou that is set to shoot in Mauritius this summer.