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Sean McNamara's Holocaust Drama 'Bau, Artist at War' With Emile Hirsch Sets September Release

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ShowBiz Direct and Republic Pictures have set Sean McNamara's Holocaust drama "Bau, Artist at War" for a Sept. 26 theatrical release, TheWrap has learned.

The film stars Emile Hirsch as Joseph Bau, who was a Polish-born Israeli artist who survived the Płaszów concentration camp during World War II. Inbar Lavi, Yan Tual, Adam Tsekhman, Josh Zuckerman, Edward Foy, Chris Cope, Josh Blacker, Eugene Lipinski, Dalias Blake, Pam Kearns and Tori Griffith also star.

"This is a story the world needs to see, to remind us of the power of hope, even in the darkest times," McNamara said in a Friday statement. "It's a powerful testament to resilience, and I can't wait for audiences to finally see Joseph Bau's incredible life story on the big screen."

Per the logline, the movie is "the inspirational true story of how Bau used his creativity and skills as a forger to help fellow prisoners survive the horrors of Nazi concentration camps. Despite facing unimaginable adversity, he finds hope and love with fellow prisoner Rebecca."

The screenplay was written by Deborah Smerecnik, Ron Bass

and Sonia Kifferstein. Executive producers include James Truchard, Kelly Tate, Bruce D. Johnson, Lawrence Mortorff, Jeff Hays, Charles Cooper, Allen Lewis, Robert Murdoch, Matthew Helderman, Thomas Mann, Luke Taylor and Kevin Mitchell. McNamara and Smerecnik also serve as producers alongside David Brookwell, Marc Griffith and Michelle P. Griffith, with Toni Farina as co-producer.

“Bau, Artist at War” premieres Sept. 26 in theaters.

