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COMEDY DRAMA *NEVER TOO LATE TO SHOOT* IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Adelaide: The South Australian Film Corporation (SAFC) today announced that production of feature film comedy drama *Never Too Late* (former working title: *The Chain Breakers*) will take place in South Australia, with the shoot to commence in March 2019.

Described as cross between *Grumpy Old Men* and *The Great Escape*, *Never Too Late* is the riotous story of four heroic Vietnam veterans, famous for escaping from a POW camp, whose new challenge is to break out of the nursing home from hell to chase their unrealised dreams.

An all-star ensemble cast is attached, including iconic Australian performers Jack Thompson AM (*Merry Christmas, Mr Lawrence*), two-time Oscar nominee Jacki Weaver (*Silver Linings Playbook, Animal Kingdom*) and Shane Jacobson (*Kenny, The Bourne Legacy*) alongside renowned British actor Dennis Waterman (*New Tricks, The Sweeney*) and Oscar nominated actor James Cromwell (*The Green Mile, Babe*). Australia's Roy Billing (*The Dish*) has also joined the cast.

With funding from the SAFC, the shoot will take place on location in South Australia and at Adelaide Studios.

Never Too Late will be directed by Mark Lamprell (*My Mother Frank, A Few Less Men*), written by screenwriter and crime novelist Luke Preston and produced by Antony I Ginnane (*Patrick, Last Dance*) and David Lightfoot (*Wolf Creek*).

Never Too Late is a FG Film Productions (Australia) production with Principal production investment from Screen Australia in association with the South Australian Film Corporation. International Sales agent is Myriad Pictures and the Australian Distributor is R&R Films.

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Minister for Industry and Skills – Hon. David Pisoni MP:

"We welcome this production to South Australia, including cast members who are here for the first time and others, like movie legend Jack Thompson AM, who has been working here for more than four decades. Thompson's early starring roles in *Sunday Too Far Away* and the Oscar nominated *Breaker Morant* helped define our state's cinema history, as two of the SAFC's earlier productions. *Never Too Late* is the latest in a growing list of outstanding local productions taking advantage of our world-class facilities with the support of the Marshall Liberal Government."

Producer Antony I Ginnane:

"I'm delighted to be back making a film in South Australia and I'm thrilled to be returning with this truly stellar cast to make *Never Too Late*. I first came to Adelaide in 1980 for *The Survivor* and I've made another six films here since. It's a wonderful place to film with terrific crews and locations."

SYNOPSIS

It has been a long time since Caine, Bronson, Angus and Wendell, AKA, 'The Chain Breakers', escaped the torturous Vietnamese POW camp. They now find themselves sharing a new prison, The Hogan Hills Retirement Home for Returned Veterans.

Each of the boys has an unrealised dream they want to achieve before it's too late. So, once again they band together to devise a plan to escape this new hell. But the rules of engagement have changed, in fact, they can't even remember what they were and that's half the problem.

Never Too Late is a cross between *Grumpy Old Men* and *The Great Escape*, about four mates reconciling after years apart to teach each other that it's never too late, no matter how old you are, to chase your dreams.

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