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Gravitas Ventures Brings Black Comedy “*Raising Buchanan*” to VOD/Digital & Blu-Ray/DVD Audiences Everywhere May 5th

“*Raising Buchanan*” Introduces Audiences to America’s Least Known And Worst President ... In The Delicious Dark Comedy Starring Amanda Melby, René Auberjonois and M. Emmet Walsh

(Los Angeles, CA—March 27, 2020) Ultimate black comedy “*Raising Buchanan*,” is the feature film debut from gifted writer/director **Bruce Dellis** (“The Intervention of Brad”) and will be released by **Gravitas Ventures, a Red Arrow Studios company** this May. This wickedly clever independent gem follows a desperate woman who steals the corpse of a former US president in search of a payoff, and yet no one is particularly interested in getting him back. “*Raising Buchanan*” will be available to audiences globally across all VOD/Digital & Blu-Ray/DVD platforms beginning on May 5th, 2020. “*Raising Buchanan*” stars **Amanda Melby** (“Candid Camera”), **René Auberjonois** (“Star Trek: Deep Space Nine”), **Cathy Shim** (“Reno 911!”), **Robert Ben Garant** (“Reno 911!”), **Terence Bernie Hines** (“The Secret Life of Walter Mitty”), **Jennifer Pfalzgraff** (“21 Grams”), **Steve Briscoe** (“Covet”), **Lynnette ‘L.A.’ Brown** (“Kerry and Angie”), and **M. Emmet Walsh** (“Blade Runner”). Produced by **Melby** and **Joe Gruberman** (“Eleven Eleven”), this award-winning feature film swept the film festival circuit racking up multiple awards, including: Best Feature, Best Dramey, Best Actress (**Melby**) and Best Screenplay (**Dellis**), among others.

“We are thrilled to be working with Gravitas. They saw value in releasing a quirky, original film with a dash of history mixed in -- not normally the stuff of multiplex offerings. Their passion and reach ensures that “*Raising Buchanan*” will be accessible to film lovers of all stripes, and their confidence in our film makes me a happy lad, indeed,” shares writer/director **Bruce Dellis**.

Inspired by a couple of true presidential corpse stories: the 1876 plot to steal Abraham Lincoln's body, and the exhumation of Zachary Taylor in 1991, "***Raising Buchanan***," took the idea of presidential corpse stealing to extraordinary lengths of dark comedy delight with terrible dead presidents. Because there's certainly something to be learned from terrible presidents, as well as laughing at them. Finding their inspiration in the off-kilter tone of the dramatically rooted comedies of **Alexander Payne**, the **Coen Brothers**, and **Hal Ashby**, the "***Raising Buchanan***," filmmakers bring a uniquely enjoyable palate cleanser to movie audiences everywhere.

A desperate woman (**Amanda Melby**) steals the corpse of former US president James Buchanan (**René Auberjonois**), hoping to net a large ransom. Complications arise when it seems no one is particularly interested in getting him back.

"***Raising Buchanan***'s script contains one of the most fresh and unique premises we've seen on comedy in a while. We're very happy to be partnering with Amanda Melby and her team to bring this film to audiences everywhere. This movie also helps us remember how awesome **René Auberjonois** was as a performer and person. He will be missed in this industry," states **Nick Royak**, Acquisitions Manager at **Gravitas Ventures**, a **Red Arrow Studios** company.

Alex Nohe of Blood, Sweat, Honey negotiated on behalf of the filmmakers with **Nick Royak**, on behalf of **Gravitas Ventures**, a **Red Arrow Studios** company.

To follow the film on its journey:

Website: <https://raisingbuchanan.com>

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About Gravitas Ventures

Gravitas Ventures, a Red Arrow Studios company, is a leading all rights distributor of independent feature films and documentaries. Founded in 2006, Gravitas connects independent filmmakers and producers with distribution opportunities across the globe. Working with talented directors and producers, Gravitas Ventures has distributed thousands of films into over a hundred million homes in North America - over one billion homes worldwide. Recent releases include *Score: A Film Music Documentary*; *California Typewriter*; *Legion of Brothers*; Katie Holmes' feature directorial debut; *All We Had*, Colin Hanks' *All Things Must Pass*; *Being*

Evel from Academy Award winning director Daniel Junge and producer Johnny Knoxville; and *For The Love of Spock* from Director Adam Nimoy.

For more information, please visit gravitasventures.com, and follow [@GravitasVOD](https://twitter.com/GravitasVOD) on Twitter and [@gravitasventures](https://www.instagram.com/gravitasventures) on Instagram.

About Red Arrow Studios

Red Arrow Studios is one of the world's leading creators and distributors of entertainment content. Red Arrow Studios is comprised of 20 production companies in seven territories, including 10 companies based in the United States; world-leading multi-platform digital network Studio71, based in six countries; and global film and TV distributors Red Arrow Studios International and Gravitas Ventures.

The group's significant output includes scripted, non-scripted and formatted content and IP, from TV and film to short-form and branded content, made for an array of global networks and platforms.

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About Cheese Board Productions

Cheese Board Productions is an independent film and media production and development company based in Scottsdale, Arizona. Founded by Amanda Melby, Cheese Board values inclusivity and tells stories that are both complex and a little nutty. *Raising Buchanan*, written and directed by Bruce Dellis is Cheese Board's current feature film.

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