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Sundance: Susan Sarandon's 'Ping Pong Summer' Finds Buyer

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"Ping Pong Summer"

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Gravitas Ventures has acquired comedy *Ping Pong Summer*, which premiered in the NEXT section of the Sundance Film Festival in January.

Gravitas is planning a theatrical and VOD release for early summer, with a home video release later in 2014.

Written and directed by **Michael Tully**, *Ping Pong Summer* is set in Maryland in 1985 and follows awkward 13-year-old Rad Miracle (**Marcello Conte**) as he attempts to live up to that name by becoming a master break dancer, ping-pong player and ladies' man all before the end of summer break. **Susan Sarandon** plays a former table tennis star who trains the teen. **Amy Sedaris**,

Judah Friedlander and **Lea Thompson** also appear in supporting roles.

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"Having been a fan of Tully's work, both as a filmmaker and as a writer at Hammer to Nail, I was still not prepared for what a truly joyous blast of a film *Ping Pong Summer* turned out to be," said Gravitas vp theatrical distribution **Dustin Smith** in a statement. "Anyone (i.e. me) who spent lonely teenage summers dreaming of rapping, breakdancing or even (gasp!) talking to a girl is going to love this movie. Plus, where else are you going to see Susan Sarandon wield a fish like a weapon?"

George Rush produced *Ping Pong Summer* along with **Brooke Bernard**, **Ryan Zacarias**, **Billy Peterson**, **Jeffrey Allard** and **Michael Gottwald** in association with Epic Match Media, Compass Entertainment and Nomadic Independence.

Rush and Submarine's **Josh Braun** and **David Koh** negotiated the deal on behalf of the filmmakers, with Gravitas CEO **Nolan Gallagher** handling duties for the distributor.

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