

IFC takes 'Loosies' for Dec. bow

By DAVE McNARY

IFC is picking up U.S. rights to drama "Loosies," starring Peter Facinelli ("Twilight") and Jaimie Alexander ("Thor"), and plans a December release.

"Loosies," shot last summer, centers on a successful pickpocket in New York City who roams the city disguised as a stockbroker — until confronted with a recent one-night stand who tells him she's pregnant with his child. Facinelli penned the script five years ago as an homage to New York, with the ideas coming to him as he walked the streets.

Project was produced by Chad A. Verdi of Verdi Prods. along with Facinelli, Noah Kraft and Glenn Ciano. Michael Madsen, Vincent Gallo and Joe Pantoliano also star with Michael Corrente ("American Buffalo") directing.

CMG is selling foreign rights at Toronto and held a screening for buyers Thursday. Facinelli told *Variety* prior to the screening that he was inspired by several prominent films: "Midnight Cowboy," "The Sting" and "Butch Cassidy and the



Sundance Kid."

"I've had 80 percent of the film sold three times but it always fell apart before Chad stepped up," he added.

Alexander became the female

lead at the suggestion of Randall James, who manages both thespes. She noted that the "Loosies" required her to show more vulnerability than her character in "Thor" — "but I still wear motorcycle boots."

Alcon prods porcine pact

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Alcon Entertainment has gone hog wild, closing a deal with Canadian animation studio Arc Prods. to develop the latter's short