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CMG closes Khumba sales

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EXCLUSIVE: Edward Noeltner’s Cinema Management Group has licensed rights on the animation and Toronto selection to Transmission in Australia, Kaleidoscope in the UK and Eagle for Italy.

Kaleidoscope is eying a first quarter 2014 release for the story about a half-striped zebra who embarks on a quest for his origins, accompanied by an overprotective wildebeest, narcissistic ostrich and plucky young zebra.

Khumba follows hot on the heels of *Zambezia*, which became the biggest hit at the South African box office in 30 years.

The film gets its first theatrical release when it opens in South Africa on October 25.

Jake T Austin, Steve Buscemi, Loretta Devine, Laurence Fishburne, Richard E Grant, AnnaSophia Robb, Catherine Tate and Liam Neeson comprise the key voice cast.

“We’re delighted to be in business with these three powerhouse independent distributors” said Noeltner.

Triggerfish writers Raffaella Delle Donne and Anthony Silverston wrote the original screenplay in consultation with Jonathan Roberts, co-writer of *The Lion King*. Silverston directed and Stuart Forrest of Triggerfish Animation Studios produced the feature.

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