

# CMG launching EFM sales on ‘Buffalo Kids’, voice cast led by Gemma Arterton, Sean Bean, Stephen Graham (exclusive)

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BUFFALO KIDS

Cinema Management Group will kick off EFM sales in Berlin next month on *Buffalo Kids* from 4 Cats Pictures and Atresmedia Cine, featuring a voice cast led by Gemma Arterton, Sean Bean, and Stephen Graham.

The new production comes hot on the heels of 4 Cats Pictures’ *Mummies*, which is currently in theatrical release in Australia via Warner Bros and is scheduled to become the most widely distributed Spanish feature released by a Hollywood studio.

*Buffalo Kids* centres on two orphans from Ireland who sail to New York and embark on an action-packed transcontinental train journey to meet their uncle and settle their inheritance. Along the

way they befriend a governess in charge of another set of orphans and must deal with an attack by a band of outlaws.

Writer-producer and 4 Cats Pictures co-founder Jordi Gasull adapted the screenplay from Pedro Solís’ 2015 Goya-winning animated short *Strings*. *Mummies* director Juan Jose Garcia Galocha “Galo” and Solís are co-directing.

*Buffalo Kids* is in production and will be ready for release in Q3 2024. Joining 4 Cats Pictures and Atresmedia Cine as co-producers are Anangu Group’s Marc Sabé Richer, and Mogambo Entertainment headed by Ignacio Salazar-Simpson De Laiglesia.

4 Cats Pictures, established in 2013 by Gasull and Toni Novella, has produced independent animated features *Capture The Flag* and the first two films in the *Tad The Lost Explorer* franchise. Atresmedia Cine, headed by Jaime Ortiz de Artiñano, coproduced *Klaus*, *Futbolín* and *Planet 51*.

Core Animation (*Tad The Lost Explorer* franchise) is handling the film’s animation and was founded in 2018 after many years of collaboration between Gasull, Solís, and Galocha along with fellow producers Jaime Otegui and David Ordieres.

Cinema Management Group president Edward Noeltner said: “We’ve been looking for an opportunity to work with Jordi and 4 Cats Pictures ever since we saw the first *Tad The Lost Explorer* feature. The writing, sensibility

and sheer delight that 4 Cats is able to infuse in their films has been the magic ingredient to their successes. We are excited to be working with such a talented group of filmmakers. Their latest production, *Mummies*, has gotten off to a great start with over US\$1.2m at the Australian boxoffice before releasing in major European territories this February and March.”

4 Cats Pictures’ Gasull added: “We’ve had a great relationship on our past features with major studios such as Paramount and Warner Bros, but for *Buffalo Kids* we wanted to try the independent path and explore new possibilities within the fast-changing distribution environment. So we are very pleased to have one of the leading international sales companies working with us on the film. We look forward to coming to Berlin with CMG and introducing the film to the world’s best independent distributors, while we continue to explore future projects with major studio partners.”

CMG has previously licensed territories on the Oscar-nominated *Loving Vincent*; *Seal Team*, and *Ainbo: Spirit Of The Amazon*, among others. Its current slate includes *The Canterville Ghost*; *Noah’s Ark: A Musical Adventure*; *Panda Bear In Africa*, *Kayara*, and *2 Tiny Toddlers*.

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