

Gravitas Ventures Acquires North American Rights To 'Penitentia'

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LOS ANGELES, CA, USA, May 2, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Gravitas Ventures](#), an Anthem Sports & Entertainment Company, has acquired North American rights to the crime drama/thriller

[PENITENTIA](#), written and directed by Chris Lawing. The film stars Glenn Stanton, Rusty Schwimmer, Chris Bylsma, Kate Flanagan, Nigel Vonas and Natasha Coppola-Shalom. Penitentia will be released on June 18, 2024.

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"Authenticity is the driving force of my stories. The characters are not larger than life, they are cut from the cloth of the fabric of the world around them," said writer/director Chris Lawing. "Penitentia is a timely story about a young man impacted by injustice and given the choice to dedicate himself to fight for the rights of others or protect the good life he has built for himself."

Penitentia screened at and won the Audience Award for Kansas Film at the Tallgrass Film Festival. It will play at the LightReel Film Fest in early June and was screened at the North Hollywood Cinefest and the St. Louis Filmmakers Showcase.

"After discovering Penitentia at the Tallgrass Film Festival last October, Gravitas is excited to bring this tense and thrilling drama to audiences throughout North America. Director Chris Lawing brings out astounding performances from his cast and elevates the concept of courtroom drama," stated Bill Guentzler, Senior Vice President Acquisitions & Operations at Gravitas.

Guentzler negotiated the deal directly with the filmmakers, who were supported by Tyler Emerson of Conlee Schmidt & Emerson LLP.

For more information on the film, please visit <https://www.penitentia.com>.

About Penitentia

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Angie Lawing



The film Penitentia poses the question "What's the true cost of doing nothing?"

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