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## **ACCOLADES FOR SHEFFIELD FILM STUDIO WARP X ON THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL CIRCUIT**

**Sheffield's pioneering digital film studio Warp X continues to lead the way, with two of its films, *Kill List* and *Tyrannosaur*, both attracting critical acclaim at major international film festivals in recent weeks. Both features were made in the region in 2010 with funding and support from Screen Yorkshire and are set for cinematic release in the UK this autumn.**

Ben Wheatley's horror *Kill List* had its **European Premiere** on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at the Karlovy Vary International Film Festival in the Czech Republic. *Kill List* screened within the festival's prestigious **Variety Critics' Choice** program, curated in collaboration with European Film Promotion (EFP), which aims to showcase European films by first and second-time directors notable for their freshness, invention and passion.

Described by *Variety* as "*a richly textured psychological thriller...seamlessly morphing from gritty crime tale to atmospheric horror pic.*" esteemed critic Peter Debruge awarded *Kill List* an impressive 4 stars (out of 4!) following the screening on Sunday. *Kill List* had its world premiere at SXSW in Austin, Texas, where it was widely acclaimed by critics, in March 2011. *Kill List* is released at cinemas in the UK on 2nd September 2011.

Meanwhile, Paddy Considine's directorial debut *Tyrannosaur* has taken two top awards; **The Cinevision Award** for Best International Debut at the **Munich Film Festival** last weekend and **Best Writer/Director Award** at the **Nantucket Film Festival, Massachusetts** on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2011. Filmed in **Leeds** and **Wakefield** in 2010, hard-hitting drama *Tyrannosaur* has had continued success on the international film festival circuit since its debut at Sundance in January 2011. *Tyrannosaur* is set for theatrical release in the **U.K. in October 2011**.

**Hugo Heppell, Head of Production at Screen Yorkshire, says:** "*The continued acclaim for Ben Wheatley's *Kill List* and Paddy Considine's *Tyrannosaur* demonstrates the value of Screen Yorkshire's long term investment in Warp X and shows that Yorkshire can deliver low budget feature films that impress and compete on a world stage.*"

### **More about *Kill List***

Eight months after a disastrous job in Kiev left him physically and mentally scarred, ex-soldier turned contract killer Jay (Neil Maskell), is pressured by his partner Gal (Michael Smiley), into taking a new assignment. As they descend into the dark, disturbing world of the contract, Jay begins to unravel once again - his fear and paranoia sending him deep into the heart of darkness....

**Kill List** is directed by Ben Wheatley (*Down Terrace*) and produced by Claire Jones & Andy Starke for Warp X / Rook Films. *Kill List*, filmed at locations across Yorkshire in 2010 including **Leeds, Wakefield, Sheffield** and **North Lincolnshire**.

#### **More about *Tyrannosaur***

Starring **Peter Mullan** (*My Name is Joe, Trainspotting*), **Olivia Colman** (*Peep Show, Hot Fuzz*) and **Eddie Marsan** (*Happy Go Lucky, Vera Drake*). ***Tyrannosaur*** tells the story of Joseph (Peter Mullan) a man plagued by violence and a rage that is driving him to self-destruction. As Joseph's life spirals into turmoil a chance of redemption appears in the form of Hannah (Olivia Colman), a Christian charity shop worker. Their relationship develops to reveal that Hannah is hiding a secret of her own with devastating results on both of their lives. Paddy Considine, a world renowned actor, previously co-wrote and starred in Shane Meadows' 2004 film *Dead Man's Shoes*, as well as appearing in films including *In America, The Bourne Ultimatum, A Room For Romeo Brass* and *My Summer Of Love*. The script for *Tyrannosaur*, written by Considine, was based on his 2008 BAFTA winning short *Dog Altogether*. ***Tyrannosaur*** is produced by Diarmid Scrimshaw for **Warp X** and Inflammable Films. Protagonist Pictures are handling international sales.

Pioneering digital film studio **Warp X**, based in Sheffield with a satellite in London, is an initiative of **Film4, UK Film Council, Screen Yorkshire and Optimum Releasing**.

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