

SANTA MONICA, Calif., Sept. 29, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Pantelion Films' breakout comedy/drama *Instructions Not Included*, starring and directed by Eugenio Derbez, grossed an estimated \$3.4 million in its fifth weekend at the domestic box office, bringing its total to an estimated \$38.6 million to date as it became the highest-grossing Spanish-language film ever at the domestic box office, it was announced today by Lionsgate. Pantelion Films is a joint venture between Lionsgate (NYSE: [LGF](#)) and Latin media giant Grupo Televisa.

Instructions Not Included passed *Pan's Labyrinth*, which grossed \$37.6 million at the domestic box office, to become the new record holder. The Pantelion release also became one of the four highest-grossing foreign-language films ever in the U.S., ranking behind only *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* (Taiwan), *Life is Beautiful* (Italy) and *Hero* (China). Pantelion noted that

Instructions Not Included

has achieved its entire domestic box office in the U.S. since the film hasn't been released in Canada

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"We've been building our brand and our audience for three years, and we're very pleased that our efforts have resulted in a record-breaking hit," said Pantelion Films Chief Executive Officer Paul Presburger

. "The film's success reaffirms our belief that there is a large audience in the U.S. with an appetite for commercial films with Latino characters and themes. Its performance is a testament to the prodigious talents of

Eugenio Derbez

, Lionsgate and Televisa's support, guidance and vision since our launch, an adroit and focused marketing campaign which we developed with Televisa and Univision and the superb distribution and expansion plan executed by the Lionsgate theatrical distribution team."

Instructions Not Included is the story of Valentin (Eugenio Derbez), Acapulco's resident playboy—until a former fling leaves a baby on his doorstep and takes off without a trace. Valentin leaves Mexico for

Los Angeles

to find the baby's mother, but only ends up finding a new home for himself and his newfound daughter, Maggie (

Loreto Peralta

). An unlikely father figure, Valentin raises Maggie for six years, while also establishing himself as one of

Hollywood's

top stuntmen to pay the bills, with Maggie acting as his on-set coach. As Valentin raises Maggie, she forces him to grow up too. But their unique and offbeat family is threatened when Maggie's birth mom shows up out of the blue, and Valentin realizes he's in danger of losing his daughter- and his best friend.

Upcoming Pantelion releases include the bilingual comedy *Pulling Strings*, starring Jaime Camil and

Omar Chaparro

and slated for release next Friday;

The Hours

, a suspense thriller starring

Paul Walker

and

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Genesis Rodriguez

, due out

December 13

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Diego Luna's

Chavez

, starring

Michael Pena

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John Malkovich

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Rosario Dawson

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Gabriel Mann

and

America Ferrera

in the biography of civil rights activist and labor organizer

Cesar Chavez

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About Pantelion Films Pantelion Films is the first major Latino Hollywood studio and the new face of Hispanic entertainment.

It is a synergistic partnership between Lionsgate and Videocine, an affiliate of Grupo Televisa. Pantelion provides Hispanic moviegoers with a steady source of exciting and original films, which include top-rated Latino actors, directors and writers. From broad comedies and dramas to family movies and romantic comedies, Pantelion produces and acquires movies that speak directly to acculturated and Spanish-dominant Hispanics alike. Additionally, the company's partnership with the largest cinema chains in America ensures that each film is accessible across the country to enjoy. Some of Pantelion's notable releases include *Casa de mi Padre*, *Girl in Progress* and most recently, *Instructions not Included*, the highest-grossing Spanish-language film ever in the U.S.

Lionsgate is a leading global entertainment company responsible for such box office hits as the blockbuster first installment of *The Hunger Games* franchise, *The Twilight Saga Breaking Dawn*

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Kevin Hart

: *Let Me Explain, Warm Bodies, Snitch, Texas Chainsaw 3D*

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The Expendables 2

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The Possession, Sinister

and

Arbitrage

as well as 30 television series on 20 different networks, including the multiple Emmy Award-winning

Mad Men

, the hit comedies

Nurse Jackie

and

□ *Anger Management*

, the broadcast network series

Nashville

and the critically-acclaimed breakout hit

Orange is the New Black

.Televisa is the largest and most powerful Spanish language media company and has established itself as a leader in serving the entertainment needs of Hispanic audiences around the world.

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