



CANNES: Best Selling Mature YA novel AFTER is Going to the Big Screen

COURTNEY SOLOMON AND MARK CANTON'S NEW SHINGLE CALMAPLE FILMS, VOLTAGE PICTURES, DIAMOND FILMS, WATTPAD AND OFFSPRING ENTERTAINMENT BRING MATURE YA BOOK AND ONLINE PHENOMENON 'AFTER' TO THE BIG SCREEN.

JULIA GOLDANI TELLES AND HERO FIENNES TIFFIN SET TO STAR

VOLTAGE PICTURES HANDLING WORLDWIDE SALES IN CANNES

Cannes, France (May 8, 2018) – Julia Goldani Telles (*Showtime's The Affair*, *Slenderman*) and Hero Fiennes Tiffin (*Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince*) are set to star in director Jenny Gage's film adaptation of Anna Todd's international best-selling mature YA novel *After* for powerhouse producers Mark Canton (*Den of Thieves*, *300*) and Courtney Solomon (*Cake*, *An American Haunting*) of CalMaple Films, and Jennifer Gibgot (*17 Again*, *Step Up*) of Offspring Entertainment. CalMaple, Voltage Pictures and Diamond Film Productions are financing the film.

Wattpad's Aron Levitz, Anna Todd, and Dennis Pelino from CalMaple are also producing. Meadow Williams and Swen Temmel from Diamond Films will serve as executive producers along with Adam Shankman of Offspring Entertainment, Voltage's Nicolas Chartier and Jonathan Deckter, CalMaple's Scott Karol, and Wattpad's Eric Lehrman.

Voltage is handling the worldwide rights for *After*, which is anticipated as a franchise property, co-repping domestic with producer Courtney Solomon's CalMaple.

After follows the journey of self-discovery and sexual awakening of Tessa (Julia Goldani Telles). A dedicated student, dutiful daughter and loyal girlfriend to her high school sweetheart, Tessa enters her first year of University with grand ambitions for her future. Her guarded world opens up when she meets the dark and mysterious Hardin Scott (Hero Fiennes Tiffin). A brooding rebel that Tessa would typically shun, she is drawn by his magnetic energy that will change her forever.

CalMaple's Solomon said: "When Mark and I read the script and then Anna's book, we were super-excited to be involved with bringing this current and timeless story of first love to life.



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Jenny Gage has an amazing sensibility and vision for this film and the collaboration with her, Jennifer Gibgot and Anna Todd is going to make a unique, edgy and powerful film”.

Four years ago, Anna Todd, a then unknown author, posted chapters of the first book in her After series to the fan fiction sharing site Wattpad. The work became so popular that the intense demand crashed the site within a week. Today Gallery Books, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, has published five books in the series. The series has sold tens of millions of copies in over 40 countries worldwide.

In addition, the novels have been read more than 1.5 billion times on the Wattpad site, where they were launched in the same way as E.L James’ *50 Shades of Grey*. Todd’s first book *After* has reached 456 million reads on Wattpad, *After 2* has 390 million reads, while *After 3* has an incredible 685 million reads on the online publishing platform.

Todd, who *Cosmopolitan* called “the biggest literary phenomenon of her generation”, continues to grow in popularity and has written several other books since *After*, becoming one of the world’s pre-eminent romance authors.

Exciting new talent Julia Goldani Telles’ film credits include *Most Likely to Murder* and the upcoming *Slender Man*. Telles television credits include *The Affair*, *Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life*, *Nurse Jackie*, *The Carrie Diaries*, *Blue Bloods*, and *Bunheads*.

Hero Fiennes Tiffin is best known for his role as the young Tom Marvolo Riddle in the 6th installment of the Harry Potter films, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*. London born-Tiffin has also appeared in *Private Peaceful*, and the short film *ERDEM x H&M: The Secret Life of Flowers*.

Solomon wrote, produced and directed *An American Haunting*, starring Sissy Spacek and Donald Sutherland and produced the acclaimed 2015 film *Cake* starring Jennifer Aniston, which netted Aniston multiple awards season nominations for her starring role.

Industry juggernaut Mark Canton previously held senior executive positions at companies such as Warner Bros., and Columbia TriStar as well as producing films such as box office sensation *300*, *Letters to Juliet*, *Immortals*, *Spiderwick Chronicles*, and *Jack Frost*, as well as the Starz hit television series *Power*. He co-founded Cinelou Films with Solomon, and also



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produced *Cake* and *Mr. Church* alongside Solomon. The duos current venture is the launch of their new production company CalMaple Films.

Jennifer Gibgot is the producer of the *Step Up* franchise, *17 Again*, and *Rock of Ages*. She has previously served as an executive producer on films like *Bedtime Stories*, *Hairspray*, and *The Pacifier*.

Jenny Gage (*Lenny*, *All This Panic*) will direct the film adaptation from a script written by Susan McMartin (*Mr. Church*), Tamara Chestna (*The Art of More*), and Gage & Tom Betterton (*All This Panic*). Gage helmed the very well-reviewed documentary *All This Panic*, which took an intimate look at the lives of three teenage girls over three years as they come of age.

Susan McMartin is most known for her work on the hit CBS series *Mom*, where she most recently served as supervising producer. Her TV credits also include *Two and a Half Men*, *Gary Unmarried*, *Californication*, *Port Charles*, and *Toni Braxton: Unbreak My Heart*. She also wrote the 2016 film *Mr. Church*, starring Eddie Murphy.

Tamara Chestna served as an executive producer on the Crackle television series *The Art of More*. Tom Betterton first collaborated with Gage on her documentary film *All This Panic* as cinematographer.

Anna Todd added, "I couldn't be more thrilled to be working with CalMaple on *After* and I can't wait for everyone to see Hero and Julia as Hardin and Tessa. When I saw these two incredible actors together, I knew immediately they were meant for these roles- their chemistry and talent is going radiate off the screen. I trust them completely to bring Tessa and Hardin to life."

Jenny Gage continued, "I am thrilled to be working with CalMaple and Offspring Entertainment to bring Anna Todd's highly emotional story of a young love, sexual awakening and coming of age to the screen. Julia Goldani-Telles and Hero Finnes Tiffin are amazing young actors who I am beyond excited to be working with."

CalMaple's Courtney Solomon and Mark Canton sought out the film rights to the worldwide online and publishing phenomenon *After* in turnaround from Gibgot and Adam Shankman's Offspring Entertainment where they had the film previously set up at Paramount.



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The film is currently in pre-production. Mary Verniue and Marisol Roncali are casting the film, which starts shooting in Boston in June 2018.

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