



**CAMERON MONAGHAN and PEYTON LIST to STAR in COMING-OF-AGE FEATURE,  
"ANTHEM"**

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**Cameron Monaghan** (*Shameless, Gotham, The Giver*) and **Peyton List** (*BUNK'D, The Thinning, Jessie*) will star in the **Sepia Films'** book-to-film adaptation of the popular YA novel, **Anthem of a Reluctant Prophet**. Sepia's **Tina Pehme** and **Kim C. Roberts** (*The Games Maker, A Shine of Rainbows, Civic Duty*) are producing the movie based on the screenplay adapted by Elisha Matic and Josh Close (*In Their Skin*). Award winning international commercial director **Robin Hays** will helm in her feature film debut. **Michel Shane** (*I-Robot, Catch me if you Can*) will Executive Produce. **Chad Moore** and **Jeff Elliott** of The Green-Light Group will be handling international sales through their sales arm, Green-Light International, and will be unveiling it at the upcoming EFM in Berlin. Filming is set to commence March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017.

Based on the award-winning novel by **Joanne Proulx**, **Anthem** is a coming of age story that imaginatively captures the turbulence of teenage-hood, the elation and devastation of first love and the true meaning of friendship. "Perks of Being a Wallflower" meets "American Beauty," Anthem tells the story of Luke (**Monaghan**) a teenager who foresees the death of his new best friend Stan, the most popular guy in school. When this premonition becomes reality, Luke must deal with the trials and tribulations of being dubbed "The Prophet of Death" and being titled a freak by the entire town. It doesn't help that he's fallen in love with Faith (**List**) who just happens to be Stan's girl or that he's on the outs with his childhood best friend Fang or that the premonitions just keep coming... In a story that expertly navigates that often rocky, at times inspiring road to adulthood, **Anthem** authentically balances the teenage experience of confusion, anxiety and rage with those exceptional moments of clarity, self discovery and human connection. Hormonal, funny, exhilarating and wise, Anthem slyly explores the need to belong, the isolation of youth and the powerful brew of fear truth and noise that plays inside us all.

"Yes, Luke predicts death but sometimes death teaches us to live. To me that's what this story, this film, is about [...] the moments we should pay more attention to and the spaces between those moments," – says director, **Robin Hays** who's cutting edge visual aesthetic combined with her emotionally resonant story telling style make her the ideal director to bring **Anthem** to life on the big screen.

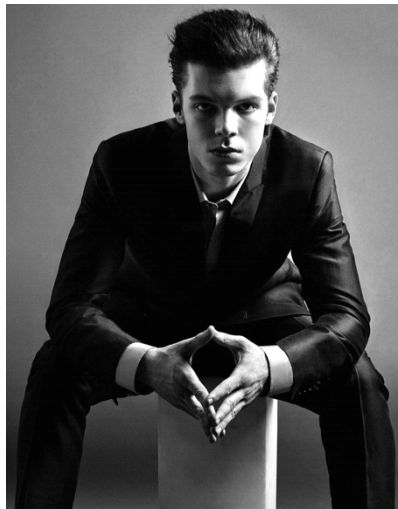
**Monaghan** is represented by UTA and Industry Entertainment, while **List** is with UTA, Untitled Entertainment and Teri B Talent.

**Sepia Films** ([www.sepiafilms.com](http://www.sepiafilms.com)) is a feature film and television production company specializing in telling fresh, original stories with a unique voice and global appeal. Their output includes such diverse theatrical fare as *The Games Maker* (**Joseph Fiennes, David Mazouz**) which premiered at Sundance (2015) *In Their Skin* (**Selma Blair, James D'Arcy**) which premiered at Tribeca 2012, the multi award-winning *A Shine Of Rainbows*, (**Connie Nielsen, Aidan Quinn**) which premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival 2010, *Partition*, an epic romance shot in India (**Jimi Mistry Irrfan Khan**) and *Civic Duty* (**Peter Krause, Richard Schiff**) which also bowed at Tribeca in 2007, amongst others. Ardent fans of the YA genre, Sepia's co-founders Tina Pehme and Kim C. Roberts have also recently produced several youth-oriented movies for television including 2015's *Perfect High*, ..starring **Bella Thorne** and **Isreal Broussard** and 2017's *Drink, Slay, Love*, an irreverent teen vampire movie, starring **Cierra Ramirez** and **Gregg Sulkin**. Sepia also produces socially relevant theatrical documentaries.

Jeff Elliott and Chad Moore founded **THE GREEN-LIGHT GROUP** in 2014. Since then, they have produced **MAN DOWN** (Shia LaBeouf, Gary Oldman, Kate Mara), **BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA** (Ryan Kwanten, Mickey Rourke), **VINCENT-N-ROXXY** (Emile Hirsch, Zoe Kravitz), and **THE PHENOM** (Ethan Hawke, Paul Giamatti).

Jeff and Chad launched their sales division **GREEN-LIGHT INTERNATIONAL** at AFM 2015. Since its founding, GLI has been responsible for producing and selling **URGE** (Pierce Brosnan), which sold to Lionsgate Premiere; **CUSTODY** (Viola Davis, Hayden Panettiere, Catalina Sandino Moreno), distributed by Lifetime; **ANTIBIRTH** (Natasha Lyonne, Chloe Sevigny), which was purchased by IFC Midnight; and **IMPERIUM** (Daniel Radcliffe), distributed by Lionsgate Premiere.

In addition to **Anthem** Green-Light International will be bringing out **UNTOGETHER** (Jamie Dornan, Ben Mendelsohn) and **BEAST OF BURDEN** (Daniel Radcliffe) at the 2017 European Film Market.



Cameron Monaghan is currently cast in starring roles for two upcoming book-to-film adaptations, **Anna Dressed in Blood** and **Anthem of a Reluctant Prophet**. Both films are in production and will begin shooting after he wraps Season 7 of Showtime's **Shameless**. Additionally, Monaghan has a third feature film on the horizon that has not yet been announced, but will lens in 2017.

Monaghan's role and brilliant performance has the high profile proto-Joker, Jerome Valeska, on **Gotham** has led to a 2016 Teen Choice Award nomination for Choice Villain. In 2015, Monaghan also received Critics' Choice Television Awards nomination for his role as Ian Gallagher on the long-running series **Shameless**.

Premiering 2016, Monaghan will make a guest appearance **Son of Zorn**, a hybrid live-action, animated show which is executive produced by Phil Lord & Chris Miller. In early 2016, Monaghan shined in a lead role as a wounded Confederate soldier in the Civil War drama, **Mercy Street**, a Ridley Scott produced mini-series about volunteer nurses and their patients.

Over the past few years, Monaghan has shot lead roles in back to back film for The Weinstein Company, including Phillip Noyce's **The Giver**, opposite Meryl Streep and Jeff Bridges, and the 2017 release of **Amityville: The Awakening**, directed by Franck Khalfoun.

In addition to his studio films, Monaghan garnered excellent reviews and a lot of buzz at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival for his performance in **Janie Marks is Dead** which was a Sundance 2014 Official Selection in the Dramatic Competition. Monaghan also starred in the indie featured **Mall**, directed by Joe Hahn of Linkin Park. The band provided original music and scored the film.



Actress and fashion insider Peyton List is poised for her biggest role yet. The 18-year-old media darling has appeared on magazine covers, in national fashion ads, starred in feature films and has even hosted an event at the White House.

Last fall, Peyton took the leading role in the “The Thinning”, a post-apocalyptic action thriller. And while comedy is in her blood - she currently stars in Disney’s “Bunk’d” and made a name for herself as “Emma” on the network’s long-running series “Jessie” - Peyton is as comfortable doing dystopian as she is doing Disney. Peyton’s other big screen credits include “27 Dresses”, “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” and “Remember Me”.

When she’s not acting, sitting front row at Fashion Week or working on her music, Peyton uses her creativity and entrepreneurial spirit in her role as Editor-at-Large of Time Inc.'s MIMiChatter.com. The beauty site focuses on lifestyle content for millennials, which marries her love of fashion and beauty with her insider knowledge of trends, the industry and what women her age are interested in.

Peyton recognizes her position as a role model and millennial thought leader and treats her massive social media audience with the respect they deserve. When she’s not working, Peyton loves spending time with her family and writing and producing comedy shorts with her twin brother Spencer, hanging out with her friends and volunteering her free time to the ASPCA, a non-profit organization dedicated to preventing cruelty to animals. Peyton often finds great pleasure in promoting foster-care, and placing previously abused and abandoned animals into loving homes.

Peyton is also committed to mentoring the next generation of young women who look to her for advice and inspiration. She believes in hard work, self-respect and pursuing your dreams and those are messages she’s proud to share.

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