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Philadelphia Classical Composer David Ludwig Scores Major Motion Picture
Anarchy Is a Modern Shakespeare Adaptation Featuring All-Star Cast

PHILADELPHIA: Classical music composer David Ludwig has written the original score to director **Michael Almereyda**'s new feature film *Anarchy*, an explosive modern-day drama based on Shakespeare's play *Cymbeline*. Academy Award® nominees **Ethan Hawke** (Best Supporting Actor, *Training Day*, 2001) and **Ed Harris** (Best Actor, *Pollock*, 2000) lead a powerhouse cast including **Milla Jovovich**, **John Leguizamo**, **Penn Badgley**, **Dakota Johnson** and **Anton Yelchin**, with **Bill Pullman** and **Delroy Lindo** in a gritty story of a take-no-prisoners war between dirty cops and an outlaw biker gang. Oscar-winning **Anthony Katagas** (*12 Years a Slave*, *Killing Them Softly*) is producing the film for Keep Your Head Productions alongside **Michael Benaroya** (*Margin Call*, *Lawless*, *The Words*) for Benaroya Pictures.

Although Ludwig has composed for documentaries and animated shorts, *Anarchy* marks the feature-length film-scoring debut for the composer.

This project represented a musical transition from stage to big screen for Ludwig, who is on the composition faculty at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and has written for numerous major orchestras and some of the top performers in classical music today.

Film director **Michael Almereyda** commented: "Having listened to a number of his orchestral pieces, I knew David could write music with complexity, depth and emotional power. The question was, could he harness these qualities in a film score, following the fixed contours of given scenes? Could he write dramatic music that rides the wave of the film's dialogue and action? His score for *Anarchy* demonstrates that he can do exactly that, very capably, often brilliantly."

"Writing for film requires a very different sense of timing and pacing, great flexibility, a handle on technology, and strong communication skills," said Ludwig. "But it is equally rewarding in so many ways. There's nothing quite like seeing the finished picture with your music framing the richness of each scene."

Anarchy (formerly "*Cymbeline*") was a recent feature at the Venice Film Festival in September 2014 and was nominated for the Venice Horizons Award. This is Almereyda's second modern-day adaptation of Shakespeare. In 2000, he directed the highly acclaimed *Hamlet*, with Ethan Hawke in the title role.

Preserving the original language and plot lines of Shakespeare's "*Cymbeline*," *Anarchy* is a fresh take on a universal story of love, betrayal and revenge. The film opens on March 13, 2015 in theaters and on Video On Demand.

About David Ludwig:

David Ludwig (1974-) is "a composer with something urgent to say" (Philadelphia Inquirer). An award winning and highly sought after composer, Ludwig's recent concert commissions include those from Carnegie Hall, the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Ravinia Music Festival, among many others. His latest recording *Two x Four* on Cedille Records was released in April 2014 to great acclaim, and the CD was nominated for a Grammy Award in multiple categories. In 2013 his choral work, *The New Colossus*, was selected to open the private prayer service for President Obama and his cabinet at his second Inauguration. NPR Music named Ludwig as one of the "Top 100 Composers Under Forty in the World." More information at davidludwigmusic.com.

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Links:

Anarchy on IMDb (*Note: the trailer doesn't feature Ludwig's score)

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt3093522/?ref=rvi_tt

David Ludwig's bio on IMDb:

<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm6646646/bio>

David Ludwig's blog post about *Anarchy* (formerly *Cymbeline*):

<http://www.davidludwigmusic.com/sketchbook/2013/12/24/cymbeline>