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ContentFilm takes on Age of Heroes starring Sean Bean and Danny Dyer

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WWII actioner will start shooting April 6 in UK and Norway.

ContentFilm International has acquired worldwide rights (excluding the UK and Scandinavia) to forthcoming feature *Age of Heroes*.

Adrian Vitoria (The Crew) is directing from a script he wrote with Ed Scates, about the true story of the formation of Ian Fleming's 30 Commando, which influenced the SAS.

The WW2 action film stars Sean Bean, Danny Dyer and Rosie Fellner. More cast will be announced soon.

The film will shoot in Norway and the UK, with principal photography starting April 6.

The film is the first in a planned trilogy of war films from Lex Lutzus' Neon Park, in collaboration with Nick O'Hagan's Giant Films and Cinedome.

Metrodome is co-producing the film and will release in the UK. Post-production will be done at Prime Focus.

UK-based Matador Pictures led the financing alongside private equity investors. The project is also supported by Norway's National Film Institute and local fund fund Film Kraft (via local producing partners Moskus Films).

Producer Lex Lutzus said: "War seems to be growing as a genre in film with the rising popularity of computer games such as *Call of Duty* widening the demography of the audience."

Metrodome CEO Peter Urie added: "I am delighted to announce this new co-production venture, the second film that we are now actively involved with. I will be acting as an executive producer on behalf of Metrodome and am looking forward to working with the talented cast and crew"

ContentFilm President Jamie Carmichael said: "We're extremely excited to be working with Adrian, Lex and Nick on this action franchise. There is tremendous international interest in Special Forces and to be able to combine that with a fabulous script, production team and cast, makes for a very potent mix."

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