



## The New Mexico Film Office Announces Feature Film, Gambit, will Shoot in New Mexico

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SANTA FE —Nick Maniatis, the New Mexico Film Office director, announced today that the feature film *Gambit*, to be distributed by CBS Films in USA, is shooting in New Mexico and London. Production begins this month in and around Rio Rancho, Galisteo, Los Lunas, Socorro, Carrizozo and Laguna Pueblo.

The production will employ at least 130 New Mexico crew members and more than 400 principal and background talent.

Starring Academy Award© winner Colin Firth (*The King's Speech*), Cameron Diaz (*The Green Hornet*, *There's Something About Mary*), Golden Globe and BAFTA award winner Alan Rickman (*Harry Potter Series*, *Alice In Wonderland*) and BAFTA award winner Sir Tom Courtenay (*The Golden Compass*).

The film is directed by Michael Hoffman (*The Last Station*) and based on a screenplay written by Academy Award© winners Joel and Ethan Coen (*True Grit*, *No Country for Old Men*). Mike Lobell (*Striptease*, *The Freshman*, *Honeymoon in Vegas*) is producing, alongside Crime Scene Pictures partners Adam Ripp and Rob Paris, who are also financing. Rizal Risjad and Philip Elway are executive producers.

*Gambit* tells the story of British art curator Harry Deane (Firth) who devises a finely-crafted scheme to con England's richest man and avid art collector, Lionel Shabandar, (Rickman) into purchasing a fake Monet painting. In order to bait his buyer, he recruits a Texas rodeo queen (Diaz) to cross the pond and pose as a woman whose grandfather liberated the painting at the end of WWII.

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