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**The New Mexico Film Office Announces
Surrounded, produced by BRON Studios'
BlackHand Pictures, Mandalay Pictures, and 3.16
Productions, has completed principal
photography in New Mexico**

SANTA FE, N.M. – The New Mexico Film Office announces that the feature film *Surrounded* has completed production in New Mexico. The film, produced by BRON Studios' BlackHand Pictures, Mandalay Pictures, and 3.16 Productions in association with Creative Wealth Media, was shot in Abiquiu, New Mexico in November and December of 2020.

"It was great to have BRON Studios in New Mexico shooting *Surrounded*," said New Mexico Economic Development Cabinet Secretary Alicia J. Keyes. "We look forward to a bright future and many more exciting things from BRON in New Mexico."

"*Surrounded* chose New Mexico not only for our world-class crew, and highly-competitive film tax incentive program, but also to capture the beautiful landscapes only found in Rio Arriba County." said Amber Dodson, New Mexico Film Office Director "We are excited to continue to work with BRON Studios on even more New Mexico-based productions in the future."

Set five years after the Civil War, *Surrounded* follows former Buffalo Soldier Moses "Mo" Washington as she travels west to lay claim on a gold mine bequeathed by her late slave owner father. It is a mean dangerous world for an unaccompanied Black woman and so Mo travels into the deep frontier disguised as a man. After her stagecoach is ambushed, she is tasked with holding a dangerous outlaw captive and must survive the day when the bandit's gang tries to free him.

The production employed approximately 140 New Mexico crew members, 21 New Mexico principal cast members, and 30 New Mexico background and extras.

“New Mexico is such a special place to film,” said Steven Thibault, COO at BRON. “We had the privilege of filming at Abiquiui’s Ghost Ranch, the former home and painting studio of Georgia O’Keefe, which allowed us to benefit from the amazing natural scenery and unique landscape. What Alicia J. Keyes and Amber Dodson have managed to create for the industry in New Mexico is a sustainable, world-class production center. We at BRON are thankful for all of the support that they provide to us and aim to expand production capabilities in the state, including moving into television and digital production.”

Surrounded is directed by Emmy nominated Anthony Mandler (*Monster*) and produced by BRON’s Aaron L. Gilbert (*Those Who Wish Me Dead*), BlackHand Picture’s Anthony Mandler (*Monster*), BlackHand Picture’s Derek Iger, Mandalay Pictures’ Jason Michael Berman (*Nine Days*), 3.16’s Letitia Wright, and 3.16’s Ade O’Adesina (*Motel*). *Surrounded* is Executive Produced by Jason Cloth (*Joker*), William Green (*Vital Scenes*), Aaron Ginsberg (*New Amsterdam*), and Brent Morris (*Hellbent*). Executive Producer Brent Morris is also a New Mexico resident.

Principal cast includes Letitia Wright (*Blank Panther, Avenger’s Franchise, Small Axe, Black Mirror*), BAFTA award winner, Jamie Bell (*Billy Elliot, Rocketman, Snowpiercer*), Emmy nominee Michael K. Williams (*The Wire, Boardwalk, Empire,*), Jeffrey Donovan (*Let Him Go, Honest Thief*), and Brett Gelman (*Fleabag, Stranger Things*). New Mexico principal cast includes Kevin Wiggins (*The Magnificent Seven, Terminator: Salvation*), Luce Rains (*The Marksman, 3:10 to Yuma*), and Augusta Allen-Jones (*Hellbent*).

All film and television productions in New Mexico are required to adhere to the state’s operative emergency public health order, associated public health restrictions and COVID Safe Practices. Those restrictions include but are not limited to the adherence to occupancy maximums, wearing masks at all times, daily disinfection, symptom screenings, and more.

The New Mexico Film Office has released Back2One, a catchall set of principles, general recommendations, and resources for film and television productions operating during COVID-19. Back2One recommendations and other COVID Safe Practices can be found at nmfilm.com

ABOUT BRON

BRON is a worldwide media and entertainment company committed to furthering the art and craft of meaningful commercial storytelling. Focused on the strategic development, production and financing of original live-action and animated features, television and digital media content, BRON has been instrumental in more than 100 productions and has built a robust slate of upcoming projects across all platforms. The company’s filmmaker-first approach, built on inclusion, innovation and respect, has helped BRON solidify creative relationships with elite talent from an array of backgrounds.

BRON is currently part of an outstanding 8 Oscar nominations including Best Picture and Best Supporting Actor for Daniel Kaluuya and Lakeith Stanfield for *Judas and the Black Messiah*, Best Actress for Vanessa Kirby in *Pieces of a Woman*, and Best Sound for *Greyhound*. The company’s full roster of acclaimed releases includes Academy Award® recognized films such as *Bombshell*, *Fences* and the box-office record-breaking film *Joker*, which earned Joaquin Phoenix an Oscar for best actor. Other BRON films include Clint Eastwood’s *The Mule*; *Leave No Trace*; *Roman J. Israel Esq.*; *The Willoughbys*; *Queen & Slim*; *The Birth of a Nation*; *The Way Back*; *Greyhound*; Jason

Reitman's *The Front Runner*; *Tully*; and *Monster*, debuting May 7 on Netflix; among others.

Upcoming film releases include Dev Patel's directorial debut, *Monkey Man*, with most worldwide rights being acquired by Netflix in an astounding \$30 million deal. Netflix had previously closed a deal securing worldwide rights for *Pieces of a Woman* the year before. Additional upcoming titles include Jordan Peele's *Candyman*; the Aretha Franklin biography *Respect*, starring Jennifer Hudson; Barry Levinson's *The Survivor*, starring Ben Foster; *Fatherhood*, starring Kevin Hart, debuting on Netflix June 18; Taylor Sheridan's *Those Who Wish Me Dead*, starring Angelina Jolie, which will be released simultaneously in theaters and on HBO Max on May 14; David Lowery's *The Green Knight*, starring Dev Patel; and *Ghostbusters: Afterlife*, BRON's third collaboration with Jason Reitman.

BRON recently wrapped production on Nate Parker's *Solitary*, starring BAFTA, Emmy and Golden Globe nominee David Oyelowo; Anthony Mandler's *Surrounded*, starring Letitia Wright, Jamie Bell and Michael K. Williams; and the crime drama television series *Kin*, starring Clare Dunne, Aidan Gillen and Charlie Cox, which will launch this Fall on AMC+.

Founded in 2010 by Aaron L. Gilbert and Brenda Gilbert, BRON Studios is headquartered in Vancouver, with offices in Los Angeles, New York and Toronto, and companies in the UK and New Zealand.

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