



Press Release

Pathé Sets Growth Plan for Film Business Appointing Ben Browning as President of Global Film and Co-CEO of Pathé UK

Paris November 17, 2025 - French production and exhibition powerhouse Pathé has announced a major initiative to re-launch its English-language film business with the appointment of FilmNation President of Motion Pictures Ben Browning as Co-CEO of Pathé UK and the company's President of Global Film. Browning will join forces with Faith Penhale, Co-CEO of Pathé UK. Together, they will drive the expansion of the studio's activities across both film and television for global audiences. Both will report to Ardavan Safaee, Chairman of Pathé Films.

Browning, who will relocate from Los Angeles to London, is an Academy Award®-nominated and BAFTA-winning producer who has served as President of Motion Pictures at FilmNation since 2023 and was first appointed President of Production and Acquisitions in 2014. Under Browning's tenure, FilmNation produced numerous critical and commercial hits including *Arrival*, *The Big Sick*, *Promising Young Woman*, *Conclave* and *Anora*. Browning's appointment connects the financier-producers of two of the last four Academy Award winners for Best Picture, *CODA* and *Anora*.

The team-up of Browning and Penhale positions Pathé as a significant player in the global film and television landscape and reflects Pathé's ambition to produce and finance British and European films with global appeal, as well as premium television series.

Ardavan Safaee, Chairman, Pathé Films, said:

"We are delighted to announce that Ben has chosen to join Pathé in spearheading the revitalization of our international film lineup. His extensive experience, distinguished reputation, and impeccable taste align perfectly with our vision to establish Pathé as a leading European studio. With Faith by his side, we are confident that we have assembled a formidable team poised to realize this ambitious goal."

Ben Browning added:

"I am sincerely grateful for the trust Jérôme Seydoux, Ardavan Safaee and Faith Penhale are placing in me to help lead this move back into global film for Pathé — a legendary company that means so much to all lovers of cinema."

Faith Penhale: "I have known and admired Ben for years, his taste and passion is symbiotic with that of Pathé's, with a dedication to identifying and supporting with the most exciting film-maker talent. We are fortunate at Pathé to have the independence and confidence to build for the long term and I'm looking forward to working with Ben and leading Pathé UK into a new era, as we create a thriving and diverse slate across film and television and a stimulating, supportive talent centred environment."



ABOUT PATHÉ

Founded in 1896, Pathé is one of the oldest film companies in the world and the only French studio still fully involved in production, sales, distribution, and exhibition.

For more than a century, Pathé has remained dedicated to producing outstanding films — from Academy Award® winners such as *Slumdog Millionaire* by Danny Boyle, *CODA* by Siân Heder, and *Emilia Pérez* by Jacques Audiard (featuring Zoë Saldaña, winner of the Best Actress award), to acclaimed period dramas like *The Iron Lady* by Phyllida Lloyd (which earned Meryl Streep the Academy Award® for Best Actress), *The Queen* by Stephen Frears (featuring Helen Mirren, also an Academy Award® winner), *Selma* by Ava DuVernay, or beloved animated classics like *Chicken Run*.

With a talent-driven creative approach, Pathé maintains long-standing and trusted relationships with leading filmmakers such as Pedro Almodóvar, Jane Campion, Paolo Sorrentino, Jean-Jacques Annaud, Paul Verhoeven, and Matteo Garrone and as well as emerging talents including Antonin Baudry (*The Wolf's Call*), Siân Heder (*CODA*), Alice Winocour, Audrey Diwan, and Amélie Bonnin (*Leave One Day*— Opening Film, Cannes Film Festival).

Upcoming Pathé productions include, among others, *Bunker* by Academy Award® winner Florian Zeller, starring Penelope Cruz and Javier Bardem; *Karma* by Guillaume Canet, starring Marion Cotillard; and *The Unknown* by Academy Award® winner Arthur Harari, starring Léa Seydoux.

Pathé is also a leading cinema network in continental Europe and West Africa, with more than 1300 screens.

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