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Incendo and The Steve Jaggi Company Begin Principal Photography on the Romantic Comedy Film *Love and Penguins*.

Montreal, July 13, 2021 – Incendo and The Steve Jaggi Company have commenced production on *Love and Penguins*, Incendo's eighth film of the 2021 slate and first Canadian-Australian Treaty Co-Production. This Romantic Comedy features Australian actor Tammin Sursok (*Pretty Little Liars*, *Rules of Engagement*, *Crossing Over*) and Jason Wilder (*Kidnapped*, *Great White*, *We Were Tomorrow*). Written by Annelies Kavan and welcoming the talent of director Christine Luby (*This Little Love of Mine*, *Dive Club*), the film is being shot on location in Queensland, Australia. Ian Whitehead, Steve Jaggi, and Spencer McLaren will produce the film; Graham Ludlow is Supervising Producer; Executive Producers are Jean Bureau, Ian Whitehead and Steve Jaggi.

Love and Penguins – As the Compliance and Outreach Manager for The Animal Discovery Institute, a non-profit animal rights organization headquartered in San Diego, Tilly Monterey finally gets a chance to lead the charge on the company's next project: an Australian penguin sanctuary in dire need of some financial assistance. Joined by her sister Gemma, Tilly journeys to The Crystal Bay Penguin Sanctuary, where she meets the local team including the wonderfully compassionate head zoologist, Fletcher Grant. As Fletcher teaches her more about the sanctuary's needs and Little Blue penguins that they house, it becomes clear to Tilly that planning a fundraising gala to bring more attention – and donations – to the sanctuary is the way to go. Given one week to complete the task, its all-hands-on deck as Tilly, Fletcher, Gemma and the team fundraise, promote, and prepare for the epic event. At first, Tilly and Fletcher have a very different approach to the cause, however, as they explore the luscious landscapes of Australia and harmonize their energy to give back, their efforts turn from jarring to motivating to ultimately pull off a successful gala. Through their time spent together – and with a little inspiration from the sanctuary's penguins – Tilly and Fletcher learn that once you open your heart and stretch your wings, you may just find the one you want to waddle through life with.

Tammin Sursok has recently returned to Australia from the US, and comments "I'm thrilled to be back here in Australia with my family to film. I was really attracted to this positive and inspiring story, and I can't wait to get underway with the shoot."

Director Christine Luby adds "I've chosen this project as my second feature because of the smart and capable protagonist we have in Tilly, and her determination to create community and a sense of belonging. We need more stories with female leads with agency and I find that Tilly is an inspiration to us all. Creating the town of Crystal Bay with its adorable Little Blue penguins and small town vibes has been so much fun."

With six Rom Coms officially wrapped, two films currently in production, and one additional in pre-production, Incendo also has a collection of original, multi-genre content in various stages of development for the remainder of 2021 through to 2022.

About The Steve Jaggi Company

Based in Brisbane, The Steve Jaggi Company (SJC) produces commercial feature film and series content for the global market. Recent titles include the Netflix original YA series 'Dive Club', the Netflix acquired Romance 'This Little Love of Mine', the Hallmark and Netflix acquired romance 'Romance on the Menu', teen films 'Swimming for Gold' (MarVista Entertainment; Universal Entertainment) and 'Back of the Net' (MarVista Entertainment; Disney Channel; Netflix) and 'Kidnapped in Paradise' for Lifetime. For more info visit <https://www.stevejaggi.com/>

About Incendo

Incendo is a Canadian company that specializes in the production and international distribution of high-quality television programming for the worldwide marketplace. Since its inception in 2001, the company has produced compelling movies, television series as well as documentaries that have been sold throughout the world. Incendo is the leading television distribution company in Canada and also handles theatrical distribution in Québec for Paramount Pictures. For more information, visit www.incendo.ca.

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