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## Murphy to direct 'Cassandra at the Wedding'

**Bruno Heller to adapt rom-com**

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British director Dominic Murphy is set to helm "Cassandra at the Wedding," his follow-up to debut feature "White Lightnin'," which bowed last year at Sundance.

Based on Dorothy Baker's novel, the adaptation of the romantic comedy is being penned by British scribe Bruno Heller, whose credits include hit TV skeins "Rome" and "The Mentalist."

Story centers on 26-year-old Cassandra, whose life is turned upside down when she finds out her identical twin, Jude, is about to drop out of college and marry a man she's known only three months.

Pic is produced by London-based Film and Music Entertainment and co-produced by New Zealand's New Holland Pictures.

"I read the book when I was 13, so for me the project has been around for some time," said producer Sam Taylor. "But last year I was talking (about the book) to Dominic Murphy after we had finished shooting 'White Lightnin.'" He has two sisters, so identified completely with the script and came on board."

Repped by sales company ContentFilm, "Cassandra at the Wedding" is one of 20 projects selected for the Co-Production Village set up by Les Arcs European Film Festival, which kicks off Saturday in the French Alps. Taylor will be at the event looking to meet potential co-producers and raise the last 15% of the pic's €5.72 million (\$7.65 million) budget.

Lensing is skedded to kick off in April in Wales and New Zealand.

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