

PRODUCTION UNDERWAY ON *NOVEMBER 1963*

Feature Film Directed by Roland Joffé

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Canada / July 17, 2025 – Production has commenced on the historical thriller *November 1963*. Principal photography began in Winnipeg, Canada, on June 18th and is expected to wrap in early August.

The film's cast includes two-time Academy Award nominee, Golden Globe and Emmy winner John Travolta (*Pulp Fiction*, *Saturday Night Fever*) as Johnny Roselli, Robert Carlyle (*The Full Monty*, *Trainspotting*) as Jack Ruby, Dermot Mulroney (*My Best Friend's Wedding*, *Anyone But You*) as Chuckie Nicoletti, Mandy Patinkin (*The Princess Bride*, *Homeland*) as Anthony Accardo, Jefferson White (*Yellowstone*, *Civil War*) as Lee Harvey Oswald, and Thomas Fiscella (*The Mysterious Benedict Society*, *Jersey Boys National Tour*) as Sam Giancana.

Directed by two-time Academy Award-nominated filmmaker Roland Joffé (*The Killing Fields*, *The Mission*), *November 1963* explores the events surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, a moment that has inspired debate and speculation for decades. The film is produced by Kevin DeWalt of Mind's Eye Entertainment, and Nicholas Celozzi, who also serves as the film's writer, and is the grand-nephew of Sam Giancana.

The screenplay draws from firsthand accounts and exclusive insights from the Giancana family. As boss of the Chicago Outfit, one of the most powerful Italian-American criminal organizations in the United States during the 1950s and early 1960s, Sam Giancana became widely known for his ties to the Kennedy family during John F. Kennedy's presidential campaign and administration.

Writer and producer Nicki Celozzi said: "The whole essence of the story, the project, why we are doing this, is that it came from Sam Giancana's brother, Pepe, who was in the room with Sam during these two days. The story, the screenplay is their story, my family story that specifically focuses on the 'outfit', Giancana, and their involvement in setting up the 'assassination' including the second shooter, who was sent there as a fail-safe backup to carry out the mission."

In addition to eyewitness testimony, recently declassified JFK files have shed new light on the intricate circumstances surrounding President Kennedy's assassination, lending an unprecedented level of authenticity and validity to the film's portrayal of this critical moment in history. These newly available documents, vetted by historians and experts, support many of the facts woven into *November 1963*, reinforcing the film's dedication to historical accuracy and truth.

Co-Producer on *November 1963* is Carrie Wilkins. International sales is being handled by Daniel Baur of K5 International. It is produced with the participation of Manitoba Film & Music.

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