## IMTA ALUM JEREMY SUMPTER IN THE SQUEEZE

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The Squeeze will be released on premium VOD and in select markets on Friday, April 17th



"I love the actors, I love their performances. I created an environment as a director where they could be as great as they could be..." – Writer/Director Terry Jastrow

With the Master's win this past weekend by Jordan Spieth—a young, personable, photogenic golfer whom some are calling a phenomenon reminiscent of a young Tiger Woods—the sport of golf has



garnered new, younger fans amid a resurgence of mainstream popularity. That popularity should play well into this week's release of the golf-oriented drama *The Squeeze*, which stars IMTA alum Jeremy Sumpter as a young golf prodigy who faces an impossible moral dilemma.

Sumpter plays Augie Baccus, a modest young man in a small rural town with uncommon golf skills. A notorious gambler sees Augie's potential and convinces him to abandon his dreams of winning the US Open and start playing in high-stakes matches. At first Augie can't lose. But as the stakes grow higher and higher, the game becomes a matter of life or death when Augie is caught between the gambler, who threatens him if he loses, and a Vegas hoodlum who threatens him if he wins.

Billed as being based on actual events, The Squeeze was written and directed by first-time director Terry Jastrow. In addition to Sumpter, the film stars Christopher McDonald, Katherine LaNasa, Jillian Murray, Michael Nouri and Jason Dohring.

Sumpter, who came to IMTA with Images Model & Talent Agency in Lexington, KY, recently starred in the terrifying supernatural thriller *The Culling*, in which a group of college friends on a road trip find themselves fighting off dark forces at a remote farmhouse after a chance encounter with a strange little girl. *The Culling* is currently available on DVD and VOD.

Two other projects Sumpter has been working on include the thriller *Take Down* about a group of students at a school for rebellious rich kids who take matters into their own hands after the campus is taken hostage by a group of criminals. Also in development is the action-western *The Unbroken*. Set in the Arizona territory in 1863, Sumpter plays a loner who goes up against a gang of outlaws led by his father in order to save his mail-order bride. No release for either film has been scheduled.

