

CASEY AFFLECK

“THE ASSASSINATION OF JESSE JAMES BY THE COWARD ROBERT FORD”

CASEY AFFLECK (Robert Ford) will soon star in “Gone, Baby, Gone,” based on Dennis Lehane’s novel of the same title. Marking the directorial debut of Ben Affleck, who also received screenplay credit, the film tells the story of two Boston detectives in search of a four-year-old girl who has been kidnapped. Ed Harris, Morgan Freeman and Michelle Monaghan also star in the film, which opens in October 2007.

An accomplished screenwriter, Affleck recently penned the original screenplay for “Aardvark Art’s Ark,” an animated family film that he will also executive produce. The film tells the story of a family of animals who set sail on Noah’s Ark and find wild adventures when the waters get dangerous.

Previously, Affleck co-wrote, with Matt Damon, Gus Van Sant’s independent road movie “Gerry,” also starring alongside Damon in the film. He has also appeared in Van Sant’s “Good Will Hunting” and “To Die For”; “Hamlet,” with Ethan Hawke and Julia Stiles; Steven Soderbergh’s “Ocean’s Eleven” and “Ocean’s Twelve”; and Tony Goldwyn’s “The Last Kiss,” with Zach Braff, Blythe Danner, Tom Wilkinson and Jacinda Barrett. He most recently starred in the latest installment of the popular “Ocean’s” series, “Ocean’s Thirteen,” which reunited the starring ensemble cast and director Steven Soderbergh. Affleck’s additional film credits include “Lonesome Jim,” “Soul Survivors,” “American Pie 2,” “Attention Shoppers,” “Committed,” “Drowning Mona,” “Floating,” “American Pie,” “200 Cigarettes,” “Desert Blue” and “Race the Sun.”

On stage, Affleck appeared in the West End debut of Kenneth Lonergan’s award-winning play “This is Our Youth,” in the role of Warren, alongside Matt Damon and Summer Phoenix. On television, Affleck was seen in the ABC miniseries “The Kennedys of Massachusetts” and the PBS telefilm “Lemon Sky,” based on Lanford Wilson’s play and starring Kevin Bacon.

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