

Timely Christian Political Thriller 'Persecuted' Gets Release Date

One Media will release the film *Persecuted* on more than 600 screens nationally May 9 through Regal Cinema, United Artists and Edwards Theaters, with more to be added.

"We are thrilled to be in wide release with more than 600 theaters slated to open the film," said Daniel Lusko, writer, producer and director of *Persecuted*. "We have interest from many partners to make this release a success and we look forward to announcing that over the coming months."

"We have congressional interest, private sector interest and lots of media interest in this film," Lusko added. "We as a nation are perilously close to losing freedom of speech and freedom of religion, and everyone we've shown the film to has remarked on how easily the plot of *Persecuted* could actually take place—or perhaps already has and was covered up."

Advance screening events will take place at the annual National Religious Broadcasters convention in February in Nashville and at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in March in Washington, D.C., among others.

"There's a Christian message here, a political message here and I think that it is very timely in regard to what some politicians might do in some cases to get things done," Fox News' Gretchen Carlson said of the film.

Persecuted tells the story of a modern-day evangelist named John Luther, played by Saturn Award-winning actor James Remar (*X-Men: First Class*, *Django Unchained*). Luther is the last holdout for a national endorsement to make sweeping reform in freedom of speech. As the government is mandating political

correctness while covertly waging a war against religious organizations, a U.S. senator, portrayed by Oscar-nominated actor Bruce Davison (*Lost, Castle*), and his political allies create a sinister plan of denial and scandal to frame John Luther for murder. In his quest to clear his name, Luther will come face-to-face with the coming storm of persecution that will threaten the moral ethics and freedoms of America.

“I hope to wake up a world that takes freedom and truth for granted; I hope this movie shakes people up,” said Lusko.