

'Breakthrough' Sees Major Success in Box Office

Breakthrough, the new faith-based film based on the true story of John Smith and starring Chrissy Metz and Josh Lucas, made a big splash when it premiered last weekend. The film came in third for the weekend box office, earning \$11 million and \$20 million internationally, and managed to hit the No. 2 slot during the first week of its release.

Producer DeVon Franklin (*Miracles from Heaven*, *The Star*), who brought the story to the studio and worked tirelessly in promotion alongside star Metz, said that although the film didn't take the top spot as many had hoped, he was happy with the first week results.

"Whenever you have a movie that grosses back its production budget during its opening weekend, you have to be happy with that," he said.

Franklin said with Easter falling later in the year, it made it challenging with all box office receipts, as not as many spring breaks led into the opening weekend.