



## American World signs international rights to Codeblack slate

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Mark Lester's Los Angeles-based American World Pictures (AWP) has struck a deal to sell foreign rights to African-American-owned studio Codeblack Entertainment's slate at Cannes.

The eight-strong Codeblack roster includes *The Hit* starring Blair Underwood and James Russo, *I Tried* starring Bone Thugs and Harmony, *Flip The Script* starring Robin Givens, and *Premium* starring Hill Harper and Zoe Saldana.

The roster continues with *Jamie Foxx Presents America's Funniest Comics V.1*, *4 Life* starring Wood Harris from HBO TV drama *The Wire* and Elise Neal, *Confessions Of A Call Girl* starring Lynn Whitfield, and *A Good Man Is Hard To Find* starring Stomp the Yard's Darrin Dewitt Henson.

"Through our partnership with American World Pictures, we are now able to take our international business to a new level while simultaneously creating a broader distribution capability for all products and partners," Codeblack Entertainment's executive vice president and general manager Quincy Newell said.

Codeblack Entertainment's recent DVD releases included *Shadowboxer* and *Preaching To The Choir*.

The deal was negotiated by AWP's president of international distribution and productions Martin Barab.

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