

## Taymor's 'Tempest' to close Venice

Pic stars Helen Mirren, Russell Brand



Taymor, above, on location for 'The Tempest,' which will close the Venice Film

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ROME -- The Venice Film Festival has announced that Julie Taymor's "The Tempest" will world preem on the Lido on Sept. 11 as the fest's high-profile closer.

And just hours after its fest news, Disney announced that "Tempest" will unspool Stateside for an exclusive run starting Dec. 10. Pic will expand to more U.S. markets the following week.

The cast of "The Tempest" with Taymor's stamp also includes Russell Brand, Alfred Molina, Djimon Hounsou, David Strathairn, Chris Cooper, Alan Cumming, Ben Whishaw, Reeve Carney and Felicity Jones.

Taymor has previously launched "Frida" from the Lido, in competition, in 2002.

Produced under Disney's now-for-sale Miramax banner, "The Tempest" will be released by Disney's Touchstone Pictures label.

Icon Entertainment International is handling international sales.

The 67th edition of Venice runs Sept. 1-11.

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