

Harry Potter meets “THE WOMAN IN BLACK”

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The status of one of the new Hammer Films’ productions just took a big jump, with news that the lead in one of the screen’s biggest franchises has officially come aboard the supernatural thriller THE WOMAN IN BLACK.

It was announced today that Daniel Radcliffe—star of the blockbuster HARRY POTTER franchise, will play a lawyer named Arthur Kipps who moves into a small British town to put a recently deceased client’s papers in order. Working alone in the client’s remote mansion, he discovers dark secrets, including the titular spirit who is haunting the village. EDEN LAKE’s James Watkins will direct from a script by KICK-ASS’ Jane Goldman, based on the novel by Susan Hill.

“When I met Dan,” Watkins says, “it was quite uncanny how closely our thoughts on the story mirrored each other: I can’t wait to get down to work with him to fashion a compelling character and a classy ghost story that tugs at the heart and chills to the bone.” Adds producer Simon Oakes, “We’re thrilled to have Daniel on board. I can think of no better actor to play the role of Arthur Kipps. I’m confident that under the direction of James Watkins, he’ll take Jane Goldman’s script and deliver an utterly intense and compelling performance.”

Radcliffe himself says, “I am incredibly excited to be part of THE WOMAN IN BLACK. Jane Goldman’s script is beautifully written—both tender and terrifying in equal measure. It is thrilling to be working with James Watkins. From his brilliant work on EDEN LAKE and also having met him and heard his vision for the film, I know he will make a fantastic film.”

Alliance Films is producing with Hammer, and filming is set to begin this fall.

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