

## AV Pictures takes worldwide rights to Menhaj Huda's Comedown

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Vic Bateman's London-based sales outfit AV Pictures has snapped up worldwide sales rights to *Comedown*, an urban horror picture from *Kidulthood* director Menhaj Huda.

The company will begin pre-sales on the title at AFM next month. *Comedown* is billed as "an urban horror set against a contemporary London backdrop of abandonment and decay." Huda will direct from a screenplay by Steven Kendall.

The film will follow six tearaways who become the target of a local psychopath after setting up a pirate radio station aerial in the condemned tower block where he lives. The cast is led by Martin Compston, while Geoff Bell will play the kids' nemesis.

*Comedown*, which will shoot in London in March 2010, is produced by Dominic Norris and Gareth Wiley.

Norris said: "*Comedown* will be a tense and truly terrifying film that will take audiences on a journey with a set of characters they wouldn't necessarily expect to be rooting for. AV are experts in selling this type of movie and saw very early its strength in reaching international audiences."

AV's current slate also includes Rob Green's *Gladiators v Werewolves: Edge of Empire*, which was recently picked up for UK and Australasia by Icon Film Distribution, and Stuart St. Paul's thriller *Freight*.