

# THEY'RE CREEPY AND THEY'RE KOOKY

# CPLG TO REPRESENT MGM'S ANIMATED FEATURE THE ADDAMS FAMILY ACROSS EMEA

**London, 1**<sup>st</sup> **November 2018:** CPLG has been appointed EMEA licensing agent for the animated feature film *The Addams Family* on behalf of Metro Goldwyn Mayer Pictures (MGM).

Based on the famous *New Yorker* creations of Charles Addams, this is the first-ever Addams Family origins story with a modern-day twist. The animated action-comedy will follow the eccentric and quirky Addams family whose lives begin to unravel when they face-off against a crafty reality-TV host, while also preparing for their extended family to arrive for a major celebration, Addams-style.

CPLG will develop a cross-category licensing programme to include dress-up, partyware, apparel, accessories, toys and games, health and beauty and confectionery inspired by this much-loved and memorable family.

Conrad Vernon (Shrek 2, Monsters vs. Aliens, Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted) and Greg Tiernan (Thomas & Friends, Day of the Diesels) direct a voice cast led by Golden Globe winner Oscar Isaac (Star Wars: The Last Jedi, Annihilation) as Gomez Addams, Academy Award winner Charlize Theron (Atomic Blonde, Mad Max: Fury Road) as Morticia Addams, Chloë Grace Moretz (The Miseducation of Cameron Post, If I Stay) as Wednesday Addams, Finn Wolfhard (It, Netflix's Stranger Things) as Pugsley Addams, Nick Kroll (Big Mouth, Sing) as Uncle Fester, Bette Midler (Hocus Pocus, Beaches) as Grandma and Academy Award winner Allison Janney (I, Tonya) as the family's arch nemesis Margaux Needler.

The Addams Family are a satirical inversion of the ideal American family: an eccentric, wealthy clan who delight in the macabre and are unaware that people find them bizarre or frightening. They originally appeared as an unrelated group of 150 single-panel cartoons by Addams, about half of which were originally published in *The New Yorker* between debuting in 1938 and Addams' 1988 death. They have since been adapted to other media, including the well-known television series, a series of live-action films, and most recently a Broadway musical.

The Addams Family will be distributed theatrically in the US by MGM on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Universal is the international distribution partner and dates will be announced shortly.

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