



Turtle Crossing takes out Redford's *Spin*

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Spin, the prize-winning dramatic debut by Robert Redford's son James Redford, will embark on a limited domestic release beginning in Salt Lake City and Tucson on Oct 15.

The picture will be distributed through Mark Borde's Santa Monica-based Innovation Film Group, the theatrical releasing partner of Susan Jackson's producers representative Turtles Crossing.

The picture will receive its charity premiere at the Sundance Resort in Salt Lake City on Oct 9 in aid of the James Redford Institute for Transplant Awareness, a nonprofit organization.

The partners plan to follow-up the public opening weekend with releases in Long Island, Boston and Phoenix and other select cities to be announced.

Set against in 1950s America, the coming-of-age tale centres on a young orphan whose uncle puts him up for adoption with a Latino family.

The picture won two awards at the Heartland Film Festival and stars Ryan Merriman, Paula Garcés, Dana Delany, Ruben Blades and Stanley Tucci.

Redford adapted the screenplay from a novel by Donald Everett Axinn, who produced the picture with Elaine M Rogers.

Turtles Crossing picked up domestic rights earlier this year and Curb Entertainment is handling international sales.

"While Turtles Crossing continues to acquire and distribute films with wide commercial and demographic appeal, our more targeted market or regional release strategy has proven equally successful," Jackson said in a statement.

"We recognise the difficulty in getting independent films into national theatres, and know how important it is for a film's success. The introduction on a smaller scale allows us the opportunity to showcase unique and quality films to audiences and build to wider distribution."

Jackson, who served as executive producer on Lions Gate's 2002 horror hit *Cabin Fever*, launched Turtles Crossing in 1999 and a year later set up the international distributor and sales agent Zenpix.

Zenpix/Turtles Crossing will release Helmut Schleppi's comedy-drama *A Foreign Affair* and Christian Otjen's thriller *Reeseville* this year.