

The Works finds 'Joy' for U.K.

By Stuart Kemp

U.K. indie the Works U.K. Distribution has tuned into the sounds of "Joy Division," a documentary from Grant Gee about the 1970s British indie rock band.

The British distributor has obtained U.K. rights from Kata-

pult for the film, which contains retrospective contributions from the remaining band members as well as footage from the band's former label chief, Tony Wilson, who died this year.

The deal was negotiated by Mark Ankner of Endeavor, with

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David Jourdan from Katapult and Laurence Gornall from the Works.

The docu follows hot on the heels of Anton Corbijn's "Control," a fictionalized account of the band's rise, which culminated in the suicide of lead singer Ian Curtis.

Gornall said the Works is planning to release "Joy Division" theatrically in 2008.

Gee's documentary has sold to the Weinstein Co. for North America, Madman for Australia, Pretty Pictures for France and Benelux and CCV for Scandinavia. ●