

# Rookie helmers dominate Deauville competition list

*Lineup includes many Sundance entries*

**By Henry Samuel**

PARIS — France's 27th annual Deauville Festival of American Film will unveil its full list of competition films today. As with last year's edition, the majority of competing titles screened at Sundance and are the work of first-time directors.

Among the festival's noncompeting titles, "Scenes of the Crime" joins Bart Freundlich's "World Traveler" as a Deauville world premiere. From first-time director Dominique Forma and starring Jeff Bridges and John Abraham, "Scenes" follows a young man who is about to get married and earns extra cash by acting as the chauffeur of a local mobster.

Of the 10 films in the running for awards at this year's Normandy event, which runs Aug. 31-Sept. 9,

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