

**GLOVER, BASSETT, RZA TOPLINE "GOSPEL HILL": Political drama directed and co-written by Giancarlo Esposito.**

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\*Danny Glover, Angela Bassett and rapper RZA have been cast in "Gospel Hill," a film from the Los Angeles-based production company Deko Entertainment that marks the directorial debut of actor Giancarlo Esposito.

Julia Stiles and Simon Baker also star in the political drama, described by Deko partner Emerson Machtus as a "coming-of-age film for the civil rights movement and the U.S. in general."

The contemporary story follows the former sheriff of a southern town dealing with past sins, and the former civil rights worker withdrawn since the martyrdom of his brother thirty years before. Their final confrontation comes when a corporation descends on the town, echoing a struggle some thirty years old.

Esposito also co-wrote the screenplay, along with Jeff Stacy and Jeffrey Pratt. Principal photography is scheduled to begin June 11 in South Carolina.

Twentieth Century Fox acquired North American rights to "Gospel Hill," the first project from Deko Entertainment.