

# LIONSGATE

## BROTHERS

<b>Cast</b>	<b>Character</b>	<b>Filmmakers</b>	
Natalie Portman	Grace Cahill	Directed by	Jim Sheridan
Tobey Maguire	Sam Cahill	Written by	David Benioff
Jake Gyllenhaal	Tommy Cahill	Executive Producers	Tucker Tooley Zach Schiff-Abrams
Bailee Madison	Isabelle Cahill		
Taylor Geare	Maggie Cahill	Co-Executive Producer	Jeremiah Samuels
Patrick Flueger	Joe Willis	Produced by	Ryan Kavanaugh Joni Sighvatsson Michael De Luca
Sam Shepard	Hank Cahill		
Mare Winningham	Elsie Cahill	Director of Photography	Fred Elmes
Clifton Collins Jr.	Major Cavazos	Production Designer	Tony Fanning
Josh Berry	Sgt. Freeman	Editor	Jay Cassidy
		Costumes by	Durinda Wood
		Casting by	Avy Kaufman Jo Edna Boldin (New Mexico)

### **SYNOPSIS**

When a decorated Marine goes missing overseas, his black-sheep younger brother cares for his wife and children at home—with consequences that will shake the foundation of the entire family.

BROTHERS tells the powerful story of two siblings, thirty-something Captain Sam Cahill (Tobey Maguire) and younger brother Tommy Cahill (Jake Gyllenhaal), who are polar opposites. A Marine about to embark on his fourth tour of duty, Sam is a steadfast family man married to his high school sweetheart, the aptly named Grace (Natalie Portman), with whom he has two young daughters (Bailee Madison, Taylor Grace Geare). Tommy, his charismatic younger brother, is a drifter just out of jail who's always gotten by on wit and charm. He slides easily into his role as family provocateur on his first night out of prison, at Sam's farewell dinner with their parents, Elsie (Mare Winningham) and Hank Cahill (Sam Shepard), a retired Marine.

Shipped out to Afghanistan, Sam is presumed dead when his Black Hawk helicopter is shot down in the mountains. At home in suburbia, the Cahill family suddenly faces a shocking void, and Tommy tries to fill in for his brother by assuming newfound responsibility for himself, Grace, and the children.

But Sam is not dead; he and a fellow soldier have been captured by Taliban fighters. In Afghanistan's harsh, remote Pamir Mountains, Sam is subjected to traumas that threaten to rob him of his very humanity. At the same time that Sam's sense of self is being destroyed overseas, Tommy's self-image is strengthening at home. And in the grief and strangeness of their new lives, Grace and Tommy are naturally drawn together. Their longstanding frostiness dissolves, but both are frightened and ashamed of the mutual attraction that has replaced it.

When Sam unexpectedly returns to the States, a nervous mood settles over the family. Sam, uncharacteristically withdrawn and volatile, grows suspicious of his brother and his wife. Their familiar roles now nearly reversed, Sam and Tommy end up facing the ultimate physical and mental challenge when they confront each other. In the shifting family dynamics, who will dominate? And how will the brothers come to terms with issues of love, loyalty, and manhood—and with the woman caught between them?

Lionsgate and Relativity Media proudly present the riveting family drama **BROTHERS**, directed by six-time Oscar® nominee Jim Sheridan (**IN AMERICA**, **IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER**), from a screenplay by David Benioff (**THE KITE RUNNER**, **STAY**, **TROY**), and starring Natalie Portman, Tobey Maguire, Jake Gyllenhaal, Sam Shepard, Mare Winningham, Bailee Madison, and Taylor Grace Geare. The producers are Ryan Kavanaugh, Joni Sighvatsson, and Michael De Luca. Executive producers are Tucker Tooley and Zach Schiff-Abrams, with co-executive producer Jeremiah Samuels. **BROTHERS** is based on the Danish film **BRØDRE** by Susanne Bier and Anders Thomas Jensen.

Sheridan's prior films have garnered 16 Academy Award® nominations and won two Academy Awards, for lead actors Daniel Day Lewis and Brenda Fricker in **MY LEFT FOOT: THE STORY OF CHRISTY BROWN**. Sheridan has personally been nominated six times, for writing the screenplay of **IN AMERICA**; for writing, directing, and producing the best-picture nominee **IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER**; and for writing and directing **MY LEFT FOOT**.

The talented behind-the-scenes team on **BROTHERS** includes cinematographer Fred Elmes (**BLUE VELVET**, **DAVID LYNCH'S WILD AT HEART**, **THE ICE STORM**), production designer Tony Fanning (**MUNICH**, **SPIDER-MAN**, **OCEAN'S ELEVEN**), editor Jay Cassidy (**INTO THE WILD**, **THE INDIAN RUNNER**, **THE CROSSING GUARD**), costume designer Durinda Wood (**A MIGHTY WIND**, **BEST IN SHOW**, **MULHOLLAND DRIVE**), and casting director Avy Kaufman (**THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM**, **BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN**, **SYRIANA**).