



New School nabs Palahniuk's 'Haunted'

Upstart company options novel for Koen Mortier to adapt

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NEW YORK -- New production and management outfit New School Media has optioned Chuck Palahniuk's novel "Haunted," a tale of writers imprisoned at a retreat and forced to write about their dire predicament.

Belgian helmer Koen Mortier ("Ex-Drummer") is attached to adapt the 2005 novel and direct.

The Hollywood-based New School, recently founded by ex-ICM literary agent Brian Levy, reps several of his earlier clients and has a first-look pact with film financier ArtFire Films. Prior to ICM, Levy was a creative exec at the Weinstein Co.