

Cannes: Disney Channel Stars Ross Lynch, Olivia Holt Cast in 'Status Update'

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Ross Lynch, Olivia Holt
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Production on the movie is set to begin in June after Voltage shops the project to foreign buyers at the upcoming Cannes film market.

Ross Lynch and Olivia Holt of Disney Channel fame are set to star in *Status Update*, described as *Big meets 17 Again* for the millennial generation.

Offspring Entertainment and Brightlight

Pictures are partnering on the film, with Beijing-based DNA Pictures and its partner, Heyi Capital, co-financing. As part of the deal, DNA and Heyi are acquiring Chinese-language remake rights to *Status Update*, which will also star Courtney Eaton (*Mad Max: Fury Road*).

Scott Speer (*Step Up Revolution*) will direct from a script by Filardi about a teenager (Lynch) who, after being uprooted by his parents' separation and forced to move, stumbles upon a magical app that causes his social media updates to come true. After becoming the hero of his new high school, his newfound power starts to cause all sorts of problem, sending him crashing back down to earth.

Production is set to begin in June in Vancouver. Voltage Pictures will shop the project to foreign buyers at the upcoming Cannes film market, while UTA Independent Film Group will represent domestic rights.

Lynch, an actor, singer and musician, is best known for his role as Austin on Disney Channel's *Austin & Ally*. He also starred in the hit *Teen Beach Movie* franchise for the network. His band, R5, recently completed a world tour promoting its second album for Hollywood Records.

Holt, also both an actress and singer, starred on Disney Channel's original series *I Didn't Do It* and also starred in the network's original movie *Girl Vs. Monster*. On the feature film side, she is set to make her debut on the big screen opposite Renee Zellweger in Paramount's upcoming *Some Kind of Different*. Holt also is Neutrogena's newest brand ambassador.

Offspring partners Adam Shankman and Jennifer Gibgot will share producing duties with Brightlight's Shawn Williamson and Voltage's Dominic Rustam. DNA's Mason Xu and Fan Dong will executive produce alongside Brightlight's Arielle Boisvert and Voltage's Jonathan Deckter.

Lynch is repped by UTA, Principato Young, Savage Agency and Felker Toczek.

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