

Social media star Josh Ostrovsky joins 'Status Update'

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Voltage Pictures has added the celebrity aka The Fat Jew to its teen comedy alongside new additions Rob Riggle, Famke Janssen, John Michael Higgins and Wendi McLendon-Covey.

Status Update is currently shooting in Vancouver led by the previously announced Disney Channel star and musician Ross Lynch, as well as Olivia Holt and Courtney Eaton.

Scott Speer, whose credits include *Midnight Sun* and *Step Up Revolution* directs from a screenplay

by Jason Filardi (*17 Again*). Diana Bang, Martin Donovan, Harvey Guillen, Gregg Sulkin, and Brec Bassinger round out the key cast.

Voltage boarded international sales rights in the run-up to Cannes on the Millennials-skewing story from Offspring Entertainment and Canada's Brightlight Pictures, with whom Voltage has a three-year production and distribution pact.

UTA Independent Film Group represents US rights to Status Update, described as Big meets 17 Again for the Millennial generation, about a social outcast who receives a magical phone app from a foul-mouthed character (Ostrovsky, pictured) that causes anything he posts on social media to come true.

Beijing-based financier DNA Pictures and its partner Heyi Capital are co-financing and will handle distribution rights for Greater China as well as Chinese remake rights.

Offspring partners Jennifer Gibgot and Adam Shankman produce with Voltage's Dominic Rustam and Brightlight's Shawn Williamson. DNA's Mason Xu and Fan Dong serve as executive producers alongside Brightlight's Arielle Boisvert and Voltage's Jonathan Decker.

Status Update is the second film to go into production under Voltage's deal with Brightlight after *Colossal* starring Anne Hathaway and Jason Sudeikis, which shot last autumn.

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