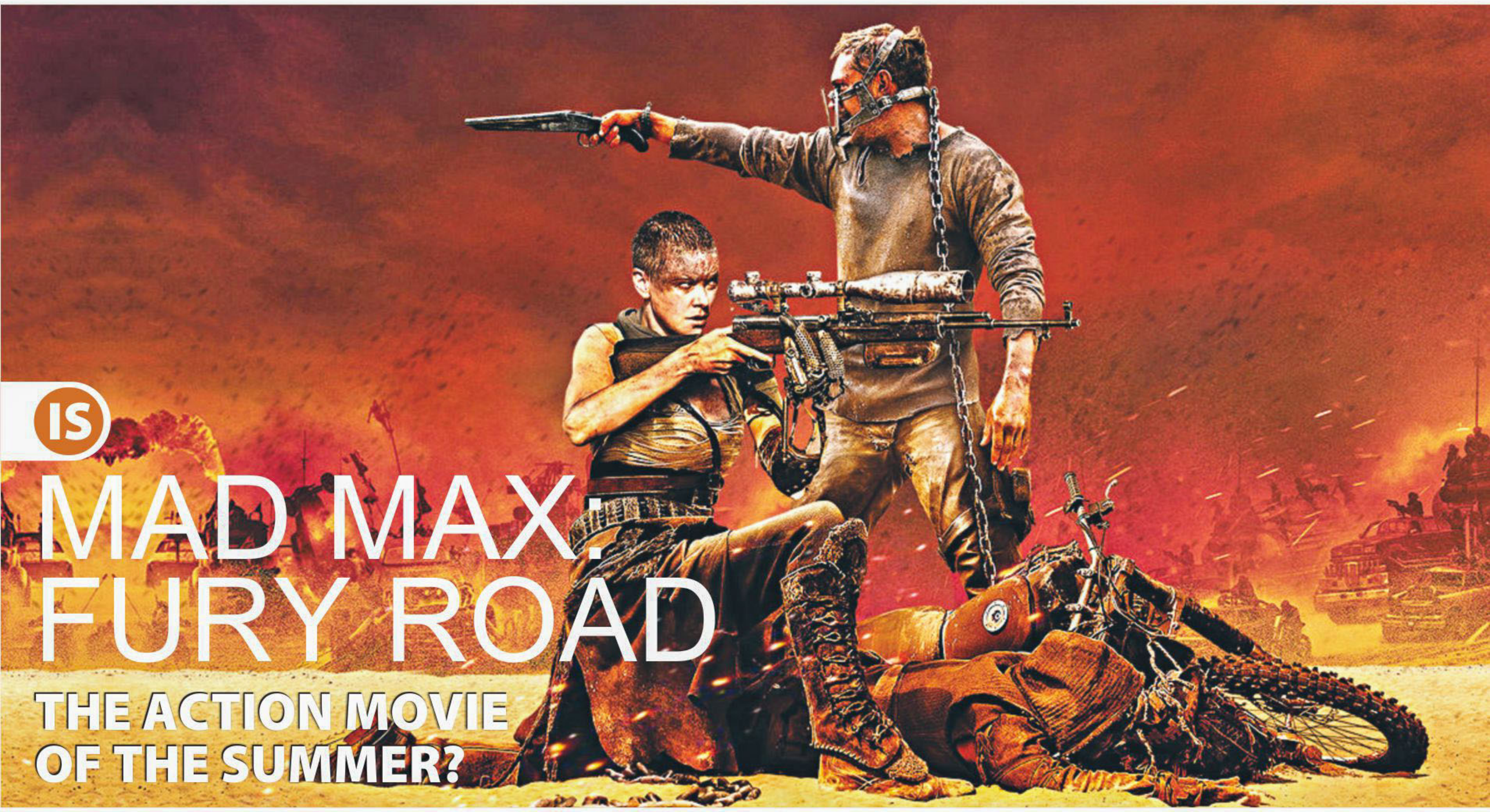

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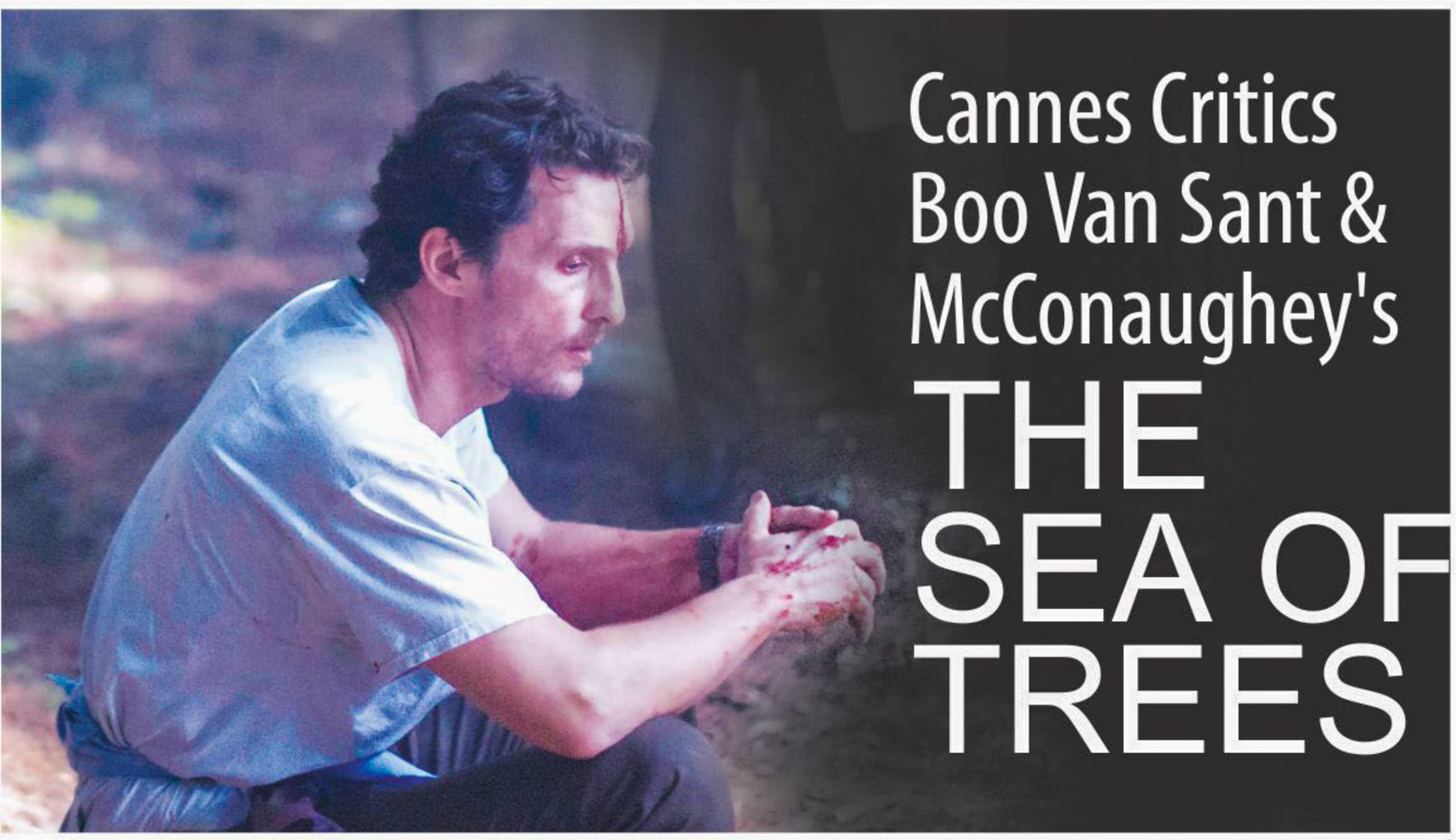
# MAD MAX: FURY ROAD

## THE ACTION MOVIE OF THE SUMMER?

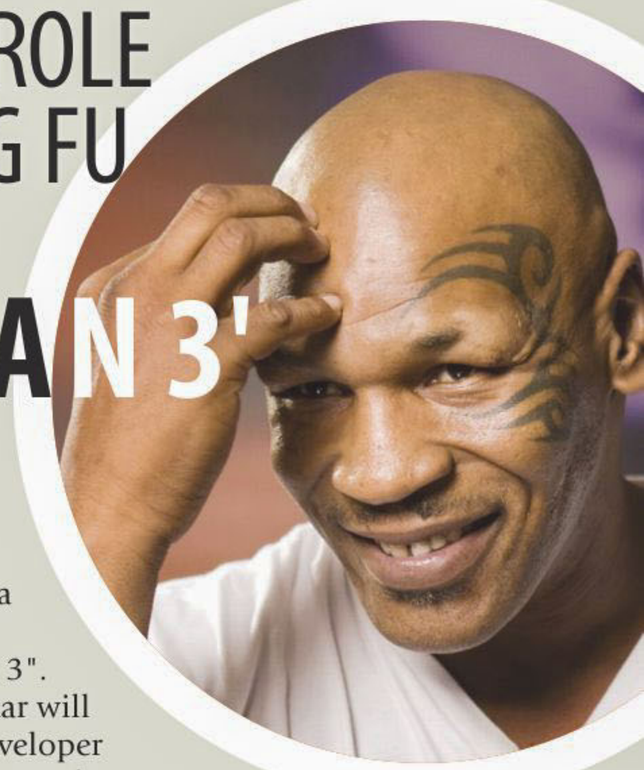
When the curtain dropped on Mad Max: Fury Road's Cannes film festival berth last week, the roof was subsequently blown open. George Miller's wildly anticipated follow up is exactly the insane, ecstatic spectacle we had all hoped it would be, and is sure to leave audiences in a state of wide eyed awe. As it stands, 2015's action cinema pretenders already look to have their work cut out for them to keep up. What's fantastic is that the film lives up to the hype. Sure, the trailer looked incredible. Sure, all the promotional material supported that too, but that doesn't always end up being true for the movie. George Miller has delivered exactly what those trailers promised: relentless, breathtaking, furious action for two whole blink-and-you'll-miss-em hours. The movie is also a marvel of production design and aesthetics. There is beauty in the chaos. Shooting for a reported 120 days, Miller is said to have brought 150 stunt performers, not to mention members of Cirque Du Soleil, to the Namibia shoot. It's alleged that the director showed the story board to production designer Colin Gibson a full 15 years ago. Gibson is also said to have begun principle design on Fury Road's awesome range of vehicles back in 2003. Miller dots his action with quiet, weightless moments, as if the whole film is coming up for air. The results are awesome!



# Cannes Critics Boo Van Sant & McConaughey's THE SEA OF TREES

Former Palme d'Or winner Gus Van Sant's Cannes competition entry, Sea Of Trees starring Matthew McConaughey and Naomi Watts, had the first of press screenings last week in advance of its red carpet premiere and it got audibly booed during the end credits by one portion of the audience. In its 68 years, the Cannes Film Festival has a long history of audiences booing after a film some may not have thought is up to their "standards". Of course it's rude, but in the last 15 years, it has never occurred during an actual black tie premiere with the filmmakers and cast present. Sea Of Trees, was picked up for domestic distribution by Lionsgate/Roadside Attractions, seemed to be politely received during its entire running time. The boos came afterwards, giving critics here, many of whom follow the pack, license to kill and it's already begun with some unmerciful pans from trades and tweets. With the Internet, it can just be deadly. The title, Sea Of Trees refers to a lush forest in Japan where many go to commit suicide. In the film a grieving McConaughey travels there to do just that but instead encounters a desperate Japanese man (Ken Watanabe) who he tries to save from a similar fate.

# MIKE TYSON LANDS ROLE IN KUNG FU BIOPIC 'IP MAN 3'



Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson has landed a role as a street fighter in "Ip Man 3". The "Hangover" star will play a property developer and brawler in the movie about Bruce Lee's former mentor Wing Chun aficionado Yip Man, reported Variety online. Donnie Yen will reprise his role as Ip and will face off with Tyson in the film. Wilson Yip will return as director of the movie, which is due to hit theatres next year in 3D. The original "Ip Man" became a cult action movie upon its release in 2008. The first sequel hit the big screen in 2010. Tyson, 48, has acted in films including "The Hangover II", "Scary Movie 5" and the upcoming "Meet The Blacks".