
Spielberg joins forces with Coen brothers

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It will be based on the true story of James Donovan, a US lawyer recruited by the CIA to negotiate the release of a pilot shot down over Russia in 1960.

The Coens, best known for *Fargo* and *No Country For Old Men*, will write a new draft of the script, originally by British playwright Matt Charman.

It's the first time the duo have made a film with both Spielberg and Hanks.

However, Hanks starred in their 2004 remake of *The Ladykillers*; while Spielberg was an executive producer on their Western, *True Grit*, in 2010.

The four stars have 10 Oscars between them.

Joel and Ethan Coen's most recent film is *Inside Llewyn Davis*. However, they are also known to write scripts on projects they are not directing, including the critically-panned *Gambit* - starring Colin Firth - and the forthcoming Angelina Jolie film, *Unbroken*.

Spielberg is believed to have several projects in the pipeline, including Roald Dahl adaptation *The BFG*, which is due to begin shooting in January 2015.

The new thriller will be his fourth film collaboration with Hanks, with whom he previously worked on *The Terminal*, *Saving Private Ryan* and *Catch Me If You Can*.

Charman, who wrote the first version of the screenplay, is best known for *The Machine* - a play about chess master Gary Kasparov's infamous match against the computer program Deep Blue.

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