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Film News Roundup

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In today's film news roundup, Shania Twain has a new role, the Russo Brothers board an action comedy, MoJo launches, the Academy names three new governors and a Canadian film fund is unveiled.

NEW COMPANY

Shoreline Entertainment CEO Morris Ruskin and filmmaker Jordan Walker-Pearlman have formed MoJo, a new production, finance, and management company, *Variety* has learned exclusively.

MoJo said it will take advantage of Ruskin and Walker-Pearlman's combined 60 years of experience in the film industry to produce and package independent films and television. Ruskin will remain the majority owner of Shoreline Entertainment. Sam Eigen and Steve Macy will continue to run Shoreline strictly as a sales and distribution company.

Joseph Mellicker, who is also an executive producer of "Ladies in Black," is also an active partner in MoJo. Former Shoreline manager Alex Flores will run the Latinx division at MoJo. Shoreline manager Doug Warner and director of development Charles Hopkins are also joining MoJo, along with actor-producer Hill Harper, former HBO executive Tracey Kemble and former deputy city attorney of Los Angeles Gordon E. Turner, who will be in-house legal and head of compliance.

"It's the best time to join forces, we've had each other's back for 20 years and there has never been a higher demand for quality content with, finally, real strides in organic and inclusive storytelling all over the world," said Walker-Pearlman.

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