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Uma Thurman to Star in Russian Short

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American actress Uma Thurman is starring in an upcoming short film by young Russian director Ivan Petukhov, Hollywood Reporter Russia revealed Wednesday.

Petukhov was given the opportunity to invite Thurman to star in his short film called "The Gift" after being designated one of the three winners of the Jameson First Shot short film competition for young filmmakers. The competition was decided by a panel of Hollywood big shots which included Thurman and Kevin Spacey.

In "The Gift," Thurman plays the role of Miss Anderson, a gift wrapper at a shopping center whose life drastically changes after she meets a magician. The film will premiere in Los Angeles on Saturday.

Three young Russian directors have won distinctions at the Jameson First Shot contest since its inception in 2011.

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