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***The Hunger Games* prequel set to premiere in theaters November 17, 2023.**

LOS ANGELES (September 9, 2023) - The world of *The Hunger Games* returns to the big screen with Susanne Collin's prequel, *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* on November 17, 2023.

Set 64 years before the original *Hunger Games* quadrilogy, the prequel follows Coriolanus Snow (played by Tom Bluth) decades before he becomes the most powerful man in Panem. "He is a young man finding his way in the world, but he also makes choices that presage that man is becoming," producer Nina Jacobson explains. Eventually, he will find himself caught between the charming Lucy Gray Baird (Rachel Zegler) and the cunning Dr. Bolumnia Gaul (Viola Davis). Jacobson continues, "He is a shape-shifter who craves control but is drawn to a woman who threatens everything he thought he wanted."

Francis Lawrence, who helmed *Catching Fire*, *Mockingjay Part 1*, and *Mockingjay Part 2*, will return to direct and produce the sequel with producers Nina Jacobson and Brad Simpson, Michael Lesslie for screenplay, and executive producers Tim Palen, Jim Miller, and Susanne Collins.

For more information, visit hungergames.movie.

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