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## British TV company to make film on Sands

Andersonstown News

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A new film about the life and death of West Belfast hunger striker Bobby Sands will star a young Kerryman who has set the big screen alight with top roles in blockbusters such as 300 and the cult TV series Hex. Michael Fassbender, 30, hails from Killarney and his father, Josef Fassbender, confirmed yesterday that Michael, who's currently filming a horror movie in Romania, had been approached by Channel 4 to take the lead role in the movie about Bobby Sands, who died on hunger strike in 1981.

"Michael has been offered the role and he's currently waiting for the producers to get all the money together for the film," he said. While a number of movies have been made about the 1981 hunger strikes, most notably Some Mother's Son by Terry George and H3 by Brian Campbell and Laurence McKeown, this version of the story promises to be different.

Directed by video installation artist Steve McQueen, who won the Turner Prize for his modern art in 1999, the film will be almost entirely without dialogue. The first part of the movie will focus on the journey to work of a prison officer while Bobby Sands' decision to go on hunger strike and how he spoke about it to a priest, presumably Fr Denis Faul, will form the main part of the film.

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