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By Shanghai-based Linmon Pictures

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Steven Soderbergh is an American film producer, director, screenwriter, cinematographer and editor. His indie drama 'Sex, Lies, and Videotape' (1989) won the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival, and became a worldwide commercial success, making the then-26-year-old Soderbergh the youngest director to win the festival's top award. He is best known for directing critically acclaimed commercial Hollywood films like :

- Crime comedy 'Out of Sight' (1998),
  - The biographical film 'Erin Brockovich' (2000),
  - The crime drama film 'Traffic' (2000)
  - The 2001 remake of the comedy heist film 'Ocean's 11',
  - The comedy-drama 'Magic Mike' (2012)
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Linmon Pictures was launched in 2014 by Zhou, former head of Shanghai Media Group, and fellow SMG albums Su Xiao, Chen Fei and Xu Xiao'ou. The boutique studio was set up with an initial \$15 million (RMB100 million) round of financing from Chinese tech giant Tencent.

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