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[Main photo shows (l-r): Iain De Caestecker as Arthur Pendragon and Nathaniel Martello-White as Merlin]

Commissioned by ITV's Head of Drama Polly Hill, produced by Bad Wolf, and adapted by Kate Brooke and Ed Whitmore, the series is set to premiere on ITVX in later this year

Today, ITVX released a series of first-look images of **The Winter King**, a bold and revisionist take on well-loved Arthurian legends, based on Bernard Cornwell's **Warlord Chronicles** series.

Commissioned for ITVX by ITV's Head of Drama, Polly Hill, *The Winter King* is produced by Sony Pictures Television-owned Bad Wolf, and filming took place in Wales and the West Country, with the series premiering on ITVX later this year. Otto Bathurst (*Peaky Blinders*, *His Dark Materials*) serves as lead director and executive producer, alongside Toby Leslie.

The Winter King is set in the fifth century, long before Britain was united, in a brutal land of warring factions and tribes, where lives were often fleeting. The series follows Arthur Pendragon as he evolves from outcast to legendary warrior and leader.

The series stars Iain De Caestecker (*The Control Room*, *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*) as Arthur Pendragon, alongside Eddie Marsan (*The Thief*, *His Wife and the Canoe*, *Deceit*) as High King Uther, Ellie James (*Giri/Haji*, *I May Destroy You*) as Nimue, Nathaniel Martello-White (*Small Axe*, *I Hate Suzie*) as Merlin, Stuart Campbell (*Rogue Heroes*, *Clique*) as Derfel, Daniel Ings (*I Hate Suzie*, *The Crown*) as Owain, Valene Kane (*The Fall*, *Gangs of London*) as Morgan, Jordan Alexandra (*Mammals*) as Guinevere and Simon Merrells (*Good Omens*, *Knightfall*) as Gundleus.

The ensemble cast also features Steven Elder (*The King*, *A Spy Among Friends*) as Bishop Bedwin, Andrew Gower (*Outlander*, *Carnival Row*) as Sansum, Aneirin Hughes (*Keeping Faith*, *Dream Horse*) as Gorfydd, Emily John (*My Policeman*) as Ceinwyn, Tatjana Nardone (*Devils*, *State of Consciousness*) as Ladwyss, Ken Nwosu (*Killing Eve*, *The Letter for the King*) as Sagramor, and Billy Postlethwaite (*The Great*, *Chernobyl*) as Cadwys.

Kate Brooke (*Bancroft*, *A Discovery of Witches*) and Ed Whitmore (*Silent Witness*, *Manhunt*) adapted Bernard Cornwell's *Warlord Chronicles* and also act as executive producers. Julie Gardner (*Doctor Who*, *I Hate Suzie*), Lachlan MacKinnon (*Industry*, *A Discovery of Witches*) and Jane Tranter (*His Dark Materials*, *Succession*) serve as executive producers with Sherry Marsh (*Pose*, *Vikings*).

Shelley Browning and Kenneth L. Browning are also executive producers and the drama is produced by Catrin Lewis Defis for Bad Wolf, in association with One Big Picture. Sony Pictures Television is distributing *The Winter King* worldwide.

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About Bad Wolf:

Bad Wolf are the multi award-winning producers of three seasons of *His Dark Materials* for BBC/HBO; three seasons of *A Discovery of Witches* for Sky / AMC; two seasons of Lucy Prebble's *I Hate Suzie* for Sky / HBO Max and are in

production on a third season of the acclaimed series Industry for HBO / BBC, and Doctor Who for BBC / Disney+. In 2021, Sony Pictures Television took a majority stake in the company.

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The Winter King: Photo (l-r):
Jordan Alexandra as Guinevere
Emily John as Ceinwyn
Iain De Caestecker as Arthur Pendragon



The Winter King: Photo (l-r):
Stuart Campbell as Derfel
Ellie James as Nimue



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Iain De Caestecker as Arthur Pendragon
Eddie Marsan as High King Uther

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