

ITVX acquires *Fight Night: The Million Dollar Heist*, starring Kevin Hart, Samuel L. Jackson, Taraji P. Henson, Don Cheadle and Terrence Howard from NBCUniversal Global TV Distribution

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ITVX has acquired *Fight Night: The Million Dollar Heist* from NBCUniversal Global TV Distribution, with a stellar cast including Kevin Hart, Samuel L. Jackson, Taraji P. Henson, Don Cheadle and Terrence Howard. The series is set to premiere on ITVX on 10th October, shortly after it premiered on Peacock in the US earlier in September.

Based on the acclaimed iHeart true-crime podcast, *Fight Night: The Million Dollar Heist* follows the infamous story of how an armed robbery on the night of Muhammad Ali's historic 1970 comeback fight changed not only one man's life but ultimately transformed Atlanta into the "Black Mecca." When a hustler named Chicken Man (Kevin Hart) hosts an afterparty to celebrate the fight with a guest

list of the country's wealthiest, the night ends with the most brazen criminal underworld heist in Atlanta's history. Suspected of masterminding the crime, Chicken Man is hellbent on clearing his name but must convince his old adversary, J.D. Hudson (Don Cheadle), one of the first Black detectives in the city's desegregated police force, who is tasked with bringing those responsible to justice.

The series is created, written, and executive produced by Shaye Ogbonna (*Penguin, The Chi, God's Country*) who serves as showrunner alongside showrunner and executive producer, Jason Horwitch (*Echo 3, The Calling*.) The series is executive produced by Will Packer and Sabrina Wind (Will Packer Media) and Kevin Hart (Hartbeat). Joining Ogbonna, Horwitch, Packer, Wind and Hart as executive producers are Bryan Smiley and Mike Stein for Hartbeat, Conal Byrne and Carrie Lieberman for iHeartPodcasts, Jeff Keating of Doghouse Pictures, LLC, Lars Jacobson, Erika L. Johnson, and Mike Daniels. Craig Brewer (*Empire, Dolemite Is My Name*) serves as Executive Producer and Director (episodes 101, 102, 107 and 108) and Tiffany Brown for Hartbeat and Kenny Burns serve as Co-Executive Producers. *Fight Night: The Million Dollar* is produced by Universal Television, a division of Universal Studio Group.

ITV's Head of Content Acquisitions, Sasha Breslau said: "This hugely exciting series not only has an incredibly talented cast but also tells a fascinating true story set in the rich history of 70's Atlanta that many may not know about. I'm delighted that we're able to bring it to the UK with **NBCUniversal Global TV Distribution**, especially so soon after its US premiere, and I can't wait for audiences to be captivated by the storytelling."

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