## ITV Recommissions Mystery Thriller, After The Flood From Quay Street Productions

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## Drama

ITV commissions second series of hit drama, produced by Nicola Shindler's Quay Street Productions and written by acclaimed screenwriter Mick Ford with BritBox International as co-production partners

Sophie Rundle, Philip Glenister, Lorraine Ashbourne, Nicholas Gleaves and Matt Stokoe will reprise their roles in series 2

ITV's Director of Drama, Polly Hill, and Drama Commissioner Huw Kennair-Jones have recommissioned a second series of the critically acclaimed mystery thriller, After the Flood.

The six-part series will be produced by Quay Street Productions (Fool Me Once, Dead Hot, Nolly) in association with ITV Studios.

BAFTA nominated writer and actor Mick Ford returns to the series with BritBox International as co-production partners for the drama. The new series will premiere on ITV1 and STV and be available for streaming on ITVX and STV Player and BritBox in North America, Australia and the Nordics.

The second series of After the Flood finds newly promoted detective Jo Marshall on the trail of a baffling murder investigation. As tensions simmer in Waterside amid the rising threat of moorland fires and the subsequent risk of further flooding, a body is discovered in bizarre circumstances. Jo's race to stop the killer will put her in opposition to dark, influential forces within the town, and ultimately take her on a much more personal investigation. One that will require her to operate in secret if she is to have any hope of rooting out the corruption that has blighted the town's police force - and her own family - for decades.

Reprising her role as Joanna Marshall is Sophie Rundle (Gentleman Jack, Peaky Blinders, The Bodyguard), Philip Glenister (Belgravia, Life on Mars) is back as Jack Radcliffe and Olivier nominee Lorraine Ashbourne (Alma's Not Normal, Sherwood, Bridgerton) is confirmed to return as Jo's mother, Molly.

Nicholas Gleaves (The Crown, The Rising, Bodyguard) returns as Sergeant Phil Mackie, and Matt Stokoe (The Hunt For Raoul Moat, The Bodyguard, Jamestown) plays Jo's husband, Pat.

Nicola Shindler and Richard Fee, executive producers said:

"We are delighted to be making another series of After The Flood following the great response to series 1 from ITV viewers. With the same fantastic actors and brilliant Mick Ford's scripts, we are excited to give the audience another opportunity to revisit the characters' stories with a whole new murder mystery at the core of series 2."

ITV's Drama commissioner Huw Kennair Jones will oversee production of After the Flood, he commented:

"We're so pleased that the ITV1 and ITVX audience enjoyed the brilliant first series of After The Flood and we're really excited to be returning to see what's next for Jo, Molly, Pat and the residents of Waterside. With the combination of the fantastic cast and the team at Quay Street led by Nicola Shindler, Richard Fee and Mick Ford, series two is already promising to deliver a thrilling mystery that will keep the viewers guessing again until the very end."

Sophie Rundle comments:

"I am thrilled to be returning to After the Flood for another series alongside the fantastic cast and team at Quay Street Productions. I can't wait to get started and see what mystery is next in store for Jo to solve now she is officially a detective."

Robert Schildhouse, President BritBox North America and General Manager BritBox International said:

"After the Flood was a top performing series when it premiered on BritBox across our markets. Anchored by the expertise of Nicola Shindler & Richard Fee at Quay Street, Mick Ford's moving writing and Sophie Rundle's compelling performance, we know BritBox viewers will be captivated by the new season."

After the Flood is a 6 x 60mins Quay Street Productions drama commissioned by Polly Hill for ITV. Fiona McAllister (Significant Other, After The Flood) is producer and Azhur Saleem (Anansi Boys, Doctor Who) returns to direct episodes 1-3.

Executive producers for Quay Street Productions are Nicola Shindler (Nolly, It's A Sin) and Richard Fee (Fool Me Once, Stay Close, The Stranger). Huw Kennair-Jones for ITV and Robert Schildhouse and Stephen Nye for BritBox International. Mick Ford is the creator, lead writer and executive producer. After The Flood is produced in association with ITV Studios which also handles international distribution. The new series will premiere on ITV1 and STV and be available for streaming on ITVX and STV Player and BritBox in North America, Australia and the Nordics.

Filming due to commence next year in and around Greater Manchester and Derbyshire.

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