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Noel Clarke (*Bulletproof, Star Trek Into Darkness*) leads an all-star cast in the brand new Tiger Aspect drama series *Viewpoint* for ITV, in association with Unstoppable Film and Television.

Based on an idea by *Fleabag* and Emmy award-winning director, Harry Bradbeer (*Killing Eve, No Offence*) and co-created and written by Edgar award-winner Ed Whitmore (*Safe House, Manhunt*), the gripping five-part drama follows a tense police surveillance investigation into a tight knit Manchester community and explores whether it is ever possible to observe the lives of others with true objectivity and zero effect.

Clarke plays surveillance detective, DC Martin Young, who sets up his observation post in the home of single mum and secret voyeur, Zoe Sterling, played by

Alexandra Roach (*No Offence, Black Mirror*). Zoe's windows command a panoramic view of Westbury Square, and more importantly provides a direct sightline into the home of missing primary school teacher, Gemma Hillman, played by Amy Wren (*Tutankhamun*, *The Last Kingdom*); the home she shares with boyfriend and prime suspect in her disappearance, Greg Sullivan, played by Fehinti Balogun (*Informer, January 22nd*).

Joining the cast are Catherine Tyldesley (*Scarborough, Coronation Street*), Bronagh Waugh (*The Fall, Unforgotten*), Sarah Niles (*Trust Me, Catastrophe*), Shannon Murray (*Get Even, EastEnders*), Phil Davis (*Whitechapel, Poldark*) Ian Puleston-Davies (*Tin Star, Pennyworth*), Dominic Allburn (*Jack Irish: Dead Point, Between Two Worlds*), Marcus Garvey (*Broadchurch, Last Tango in Halifax*), Carlyss Peer (*The Feed*) and Erin Shanagher (*The Bay*).

Mining the paranoid hinterland of *Rear Window* and *The Lives Of Others*, *Viewpoint* is a contemporary, character-driven mystery with a seductively intimate feel. But ultimately, it's as much about friendship, trust and community as it is about solving a crime. Exploring the tension between our public and private lives and the secrets and horrors that thrive behind closed doors...especially when we think no-one's watching.

Head of Drama, Tiger Aspect Productions and Executive Producer, Lucy Bedford said: "Harry and Ed have crafted a compelling, tense, claustrophobic thriller that turns the spotlight on the observer rather than the observed. With the incredible Noel Clarke and Alexandra Roach leading the cast, we are extremely excited to be back in production."

Lucy Bedford will executive produce for Tiger Aspect, with Ashley Way (*White Lines*) directing and Clare Shepherd (*The A Word*) producing. *Viewpoint* is represented internationally by Banijay Rights.

Filming has begun in Manchester and is the first ITV drama to begin filming since all UK production went into lockdown due to Coronavirus.

Filming will take place at Space Studios in Manchester and numerous locations across the city, many of which will be facilitated by Screen Manchester, Manchester's Film Office.

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About Tiger Aspect Productions

Tiger Aspect Productions is internationally recognized as one of the UK's most successful and prolific independent television producers. Producing high profile, multi-genre content for both UK and international audiences, key productions include Peaky Blinders (BBC 1), The Good Karma Hospital (ITV 1), Hitmen (Sky One), The Other One (BBC 1), Man Like Mobeen (BBC 3), Jack Whitehall: Travels With My Father (Netflix) and Mr Bean (CITV). Forthcoming shows include Domina for Sky Italia/Sky Studios and Intergalactic for Sky One.

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