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: The Beast Must Die premieres 27th May on BritBox

London, April 20th: BritBox UK today released a trailer for the service's first scripted original drama ***The Beast Must Die***. The first two episodes of the five-part revenge thriller will be available on the streamer from 27th May, with a further three episodes launching weekly on Thursdays.

The Beast Must Die is a gripping contemporary revenge thriller set on the Isle of Wight. Following the hit and run of a six-year-old boy, his mother (Cush Jumbo OBE, *The Good Wife*, *The Good Fight*, *Deadwater Fell*) is intent on avenging his death and the only thing keeping her going is the desire to hunt down and kill the man she believes is responsible. The troubled yet brilliant Detective Strangeways (Billy Howle, *The Serpent*, *MotherFatherSon*, *On Chesil Beach*) has to unpick this

web of tragedy and steer a course to justice.

The stellar cast includes Bafta-winning and Golden Globe & Emmy nominated Jared Harris (*Chernobyl, The Crown, Mad Men*), Bafta-nominated Geraldine James OBE (*Back to Life, Anne with an E, Utopia*), Nathaniel Parker (*The Inspector Lynley Mysteries, The Outcast, Vanity Fair*), Maeve Dermody (*Carnival Row, Marcella, The Frankenstein Chronicles*), Mia Tomlinson (*The Lost Pirate Kingdom*) and newcomer Barney Sayburn.

The series is directed by Dome Karukoski (*Tolkien, Tom of Finland*), produced by Sarada McDermott (*Bridgerton, Official Secrets*) and adapted for the screen by screenwriter Gaby Chiappe (*Their Finest, Shetland, Vera*). The series is based on the novel by Nicholas Blake (pen name of Cecil Day-Lewis CBE). Executive Producers are Ed Rubin and Emma Broughton for New Regency, Marina Brackenbury and David W Zucker for Scott Free, Nathaniel Parker and Gaby Chiappe.

Editor's notes

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streaming devices including Fire TV, Apple TV & Chromecast. Content on BritBox can be downloaded and viewed offline where rights allow.

About New Regency

Founded in 1991 by renowned producer Arnon Milchan, New Regency is actively engaged in entertaining the world. The company has produced some of the most successful and critically-acclaimed films of all time with over 140 films and more than 50 television series in the company's vast library, including Academy Award®-winner "The Revenant" (2016), the back-to-back Academy Award®-winning Best Pictures, "12 Years A Slave" (2014) and "Birdman" (2015) as well as the 2018 box office hit "Bohemian Rhapsody." New Regency is dedicated to continuing to foster its unparalleled filmmaker relationships and today boasts partnerships with the most acclaimed and sought-after creative forces in the industry.

New Regency has recently focused efforts in expanding its content creation to include a dedicated team focused on television development and production for a global audience. Based out of London, New Regency Television International draws from the company's long-established relationships with the best writing, directing, and producing talent. The division is focused on developing and producing high-end, authored and distinctive scripted content for the global marketplace.

New Regency's upcoming film slate includes Adrian Lyne's DEEP WATER, starring Ben Affleck and Ana de Armas, EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE, a film adaptation of the acclaimed musical starring Richard E. Grant, Sharon Horgan, Sarah Lancashire and newcomer Max Harwood, an untitled original film from David O. Russell starring Christian Bale, Michael B. Jordan and Margot Robbie, as well as Robert Eggers' THE NORTHMAN starring Alexander Skarsgård, Nicole Kidman and Willem Dafoe.

About Scott Free

Scott Free, founded in 1995, is the film and television production vehicle of acclaimed filmmaker Ridley Scott. In the 25 years since Scott Free was formed, the company has earned over 100 Emmy nominations with 22 wins, and 28 Golden Globe nominations for its television projects. Current productions include the forthcoming HBO Max sci-fi epic, RAISED BY WOLVES, the first-ever television series helmed by Ridley Scott, a drama about androids raising human children in an outer space colony; THE GOOD FIGHT, the critically-acclaimed CBS All Access

spin-off of THE GOOD WIFE recently ordered to season five; an inventive heist anthology series, JIGSAW, to shoot in 2021 for Netflix; and Steve Knight's upcoming adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic GREAT EXPECTATIONS for FX/BBC1. Other recently hailed Scott Free productions include Amazon's epic drama, THE MAN IN THE HIGH CASTLE; two seasons of the AMC psychological horror series, THE TERROR and the BAFTA-winning TABOO for FX/BBC1.

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