Cast announced for ITV's new four-part drama, Hollington Drive

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Drama

Anna Maxwell Martin, Rachael Stirling, Rhashan Stone, Peter McDonald, Ken Nwosu, Jonas Armstrong and Jodie McNee to star in Hollington Drive

Anna Maxwell Martin and Rachael Stirling will play sisters in a new four-part thriller for ITV, *Hollington Drive*, from acclaimed screenwriter Sophie Petzal.

Produced by West Road Pictures, the All3Media scripted production label fronted by Managing Director and Executive Producer Jonathan Fisher, *Hollington Drive* focuses on the lives of sisters, Theresa, (Anna Maxwell Martin, *Motherland*) and her older headteacher sibling, Helen (Rachael Stirling, *Wild Bill*).

Theresa's partner Fraser will be played by Rhashan Stone (Finding Alice) and Helen's partner, David, by Peter McDonald (Dublin Murders).

The sisters appear close and their families enjoy spending time together. We open on a warm, balmy evening, barbecue sizzling on the patio, the perfect family setting. The atmosphere is chilled, as they lounge in Theresa and Fraser's perfectly manicured garden. Apart from Fraser's brother Eddie (Ken Nwosu, *Sticks and Stones*) winding everyone up, there's hardly a hint of tension, but this is the calm before the storm.

When Theresa's ten-year-old son, Ben (Fraser Holmes) asks to play in the nearby park with his cousin Eva (Amelie Bea Smith), the adults begin to niggle. Fraser is relaxed and is fine for them to go, but this doesn't help Theresa's fears of foreboding and growing feelings of anxiety.

As expected the children don't return on time, and Theresa goes in search. Her suspicions are heightened when she finds the children on the edge of a woodland area and they appear to be fighting. Immediately her instincts tell her something terrible has happened.

This is all too realised when later that evening distraught neighbour, Jean (Jodie McNee, *Little Boy Blue*), calls on the family. Her ten-year-old son Alex has gone missing...

Hollington Drive has been commissioned by ITV's Head of Drama, Polly Hill.

Sophie Petzal has deservedly earned herself the reputation for writing thought provoking and engaging drama with her credits including *Blood*, *The Last Kingdom*, *Riviera* and *Wolfblood*. Most notably, Sophie recently won a Writers' Guild of Great Britain award for Best Long Form Drama for *Blood*. The series will be directed by Carolina Giammetta (*The Drowning*) and produced by Catrin Lewis Defis (*The Pact*). Executive producers are Sophie Petzal and Jonathan Fisher.

Commented Sophie Petzal:

"I am absolutely thrilled to be working with Jonathan Fisher and West Road Pictures once again to bring our project *Hollington Drive* to ITV. We hope it will keep audiences gripped to their televisions."

Jonathan Fisher commented:

"We're so excited to have started filming on *Hollington Drive*, and to have attracted a top-rate cast led by the exceptional Anna Maxwell Martin and Rachael Stirling. We can't wait to share this captivating and surprising story with the ITV audience."

Hollington Drive is filming in Wales.

The series is produced in association with All3Media International - the show's global partner. All3Media International will distribute the series internationally.

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