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London/ New York 3rd August: BritBox UK and BritBox North America today announced that production has officially begun in the UK and France on first pan-territory original Murder in Provence from Monumental Television, part of ITV Studios.

Starring Roger Allam (Endeavour, The Thick of It), Nancy Carroll (The Crown, Father Brown) and Keala Settle (The Greatest Showman), and based on the books by M.L. Longworth, Murder in Provence follows Antoine Verlaque (Allam), Investigating Judge in Aix-en-Provence, and Criminal Psychologist, and romantic

partner, Marine Bonnet (Carroll) as they investigate the murders, mysteries and dark underbelly of their idyllic home.

Their efforts are aided by H el ene (Settle), Deputy Police Commissioner, and Antoine's trusted confidante.

Patricia Hodge (Miranda, A Very English Scandal) has joined the cast as Florence Bonnet, Marine's mother, and Geff Francis (Ashes to Ashes, Murder City) has taken the role of Police Commissioner Fran ois Roussel – the thorn in everyone's side.

Murder in Provence is being adapted for the screen by renowned playwright Shelagh Stephenson (Shirley, Before You Go, Downton Abbey), directed by Chloe Thomas (The Deceived, Harlots, Victoria) and produced by Grainne Marmion (Harlots, Doctor Foster).

Executive Producers are Alison Carpenter, Alison Owen and Debra Hayward. Stephenson and Allam also serve as Executive Producers. It is in association with, and distributed internationally by, ITV Studios.

Murder in Provence will debut exclusively on BritBox UK and BritBox North America in 2022.

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About Monumental Television

Monumental Television was launched in 2014 by Oscar-nominated and BAFTA-winning producers Alison Owen (SUFFRAGETTE, THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL, JANE EYRE, TEMPLE GRANDIN) and Debra Hayward (HOW TO BUILD A GIRL, LES MISÉRABLES, MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS, BRIDGET JONES' BABY). Strong, female-driven stories make up Monumental's television slate, which includes three series of Hulu's critically acclaimed HARLOTS, starring Samantha Morton, Lesley Manville, Jessica Brown Findlay and Liv Tyler. In 2020, series two of Monumental's comedy series GHOSTS aired on BBC One to rave reviews, and series three is currently in post-production. A US version of GHOSTS has been picked up to series by CBS and will air later in 2021. Hayward and Owen were also Executive Producers on Netflix's ANNE WITH AN E (2017-2020), adapted by Emmy award-winning writer Moira Walley-Beckett from the children's classic Anne of Green Gables.

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