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Pictured: (L-R) MATTHEW BEARD as James Fraser, TIM MCMULLAN as Atticus Pünd, Director Peter Cattaneo and LESLEY MANVILLE as Susan Ryeland

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Pippa Haywood, Michael Maloney and Conleth Hill also to star in Anthony Horowitz adaptation

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Pictured: DANIEL MAYS as Inspector Raymond Chubb

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Pictured: LESLEY MANVILLE as Susan Ryeland and TIM MCMULLAN as Atticus Pünd

Veteran British stage and screen actor McMullan joins cast in the role of Atticus Pünd after Timothy Spall OBE steps away due to a scheduling clash. McMullan is joined by the award nominated actor Daniel Mays in the screen adaptation of Anthony Horowitz's bestselling novel Magpie Murders. The series is directed by Peter Cattaneo, produced by Eleventh Hour Films for MASTERPIECE and BritBox UK.

Tim McMullan has performed in some of the most renowned London theatres and on screen with many of our most distinguished directors. He performed in Simon Godwin's 'Anthony and Cleopatra', 'Twelfth Night' and 'Man vs Superman' all at The Royal National Theatre. The RADA trained actor's other notable stage credits include 'Father and Sons' at The Donmar, and Theatre de Complicite's 'The Master and Margarita'.

Tim's many screen credits include 'The Crown' as Robin Woods, Bernard Jenkins in 'Brexit', Sonny in 'Patrick Melrose' for Sky, and Valentine in 'Foyle's War' for ITV, and most recently in Rupert Goold's 'King Charles III' as James Reiss. He is now stepping into the role of the clever and complex detective Atticus Pünd. The plot to 'Magpie Murders' revolves around the character Susan Ryeland, played by Lesley Manville, an editor who is given an unfinished manuscript by best-selling mystery writer Alan Conway, featuring Conway's detective Atticus Pünd - and has little idea it will change her life.

BAFTA and British Independent Film Award nominated Daniel Mays is one of the UK's most popular screen actors, with credits including Line Of Duty (2016), Des (2020), White Lines (2020) and films including Rogue One: A Star Wars Story (2016) and Sam Mendes's 1917 (2019).

Tim McMullan, says "I'm absolutely loving doing Magpie Murders. Anthony has written such a brilliant and beguiling script, full of wit, suspense and murder. It's an immense privilege to be asked to bring to life the wonderful and enigmatic Atticus Pünd. He's such a great character to play, I feel very fortunate indeed. To be working with such a talented cast is a total joy, and to be also working with Peter Cattaneo, of whom I'm a long-time fan, is the cherry on the cake... What a great job!"

Daniel Mays, says “I’m beyond thrilled to be joining the hugely talented cast of Magpie Murders, not least to finally share the screen with the incredible Lesley Manville. Anthony Horowitz’ scripts are ingenious. Murder, intrigue with plenty of laughs and tears along the way. I couldn’t put them down. With two timeframes to play in and the actors portraying not one but two roles it presented a wonderful opportunity to create a special piece of television.”

Other cast members joining the series include Rose d’Or Award winning actress Pippa Haywood (Bodyguard, Green Wing, Bridgerton); Michael Maloney (The Crown, The Trial Of Christine Keeler); and double Olivier Award winning actor Conleth Hill (Varys in Game Of Thrones) appears as Alan Conway, author of the fictitious Atticus Pünd novels.

The series is currently in production.

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