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ITV and Acorn TV announces filming has begun on series 4 of The Good Karma Hospital starring Amanda Redman and Amrita Acharia

ITV, Tiger Aspect Productions and Acorn TV with Acorn Media Enterprises (AME) have announced the commission and start of principal photography on the fourth series of Dan Sefton's hit drama, The Good Karma Hospital. Acorn TV with Acorn Media Enterprises join as co-commissioners on series four.

Set in Southern India and shot on location in Sri-Lanka, the six-part drama, which gained an average audience of 5.9m viewers across Series 3, will return to ITV in 2022.

The new series has been ordered by ITV's Head of Drama, Polly Hill and Drama Commissioner Chloe Tucker will oversee the drama for the channel.

Chloe Tucker commented:

"We are delighted that The Good Karma Hospital is returning to our screens. Tiger Aspect have brilliantly taken on the challenge of shooting in Sri Lanka again during these difficult times, and this series introduces us to exciting new characters alongside much-loved cast, and fantastic stories from Dan Sefton and the writing team".

Series 4 sees the return of Amanda Redman, Amrita Acharia, Neil Morrissey, Darshan Jariwala and Nimmi Harasgama who reprise their much-loved roles in the drama which is full of heart, unforgettable characters and set against the most stunning backdrop of Sri Lanka.

Amanda Redman, who plays Dr Lydia Fonseca said of returning to Sri Lanka:

"After such a difficult and challenging year for the whole world and film industry it is an honour to return to our beloved Sri Lanka with its wonderful film crews and actors to make this much-loved series four possible. We can't wait to get started. The storylines are bigger and better than ever."

Also joining as series regulars are Harki Bhambra, (Our Girl, Call The Midwife) who plays high-flying and charismatic Dr Samir Hasan, a British Asian surgeon who has left Britain for India for reasons that prove too traumatic to share. Will anyone be able to get him to open up? Rebecca Ablack (Ginny & Georgia, Let It Snow) also joins playing confident and dynamic Dr Nikita 'Niki' Sharma, a young, newly qualified doctor whose father is a highly successful surgeon in Kochi and who has insisted all his children spend a year doing something 'difficult'. Will Dr Sharma shy away from the hard work and responsibility Dr Lydia Fonseca will demand or will she learn the lesson her father so desperately wants her to learn?

This series sees Raquel Cassidy (Downton Abbey, Teachers) and Ace Bhatti (Line of Duty, Baptiste, Alex Rider) alongside Connor Catchpole (Enola Holmes, Pursuit of Love), Chetna Pandya (Feel Good, This Way Up) and Jonas Khan (Our Girl, The Ipcress File) join as guest cast for key storylines through the series.

Head of Drama, Tiger Aspect Productions and Executive Producer, Lucy Bedford said:

"It has been an extraordinary undertaking to get us back to Sri Lanka in such challenging times but thanks to the support of ITV, Acorn and the team in Sri Lanka we are so excited to bring another series of The Good Karma Hospital to the screen. Dan Sefton and the writing team have delivered another wonderful series with warm, heartfelt stories throughout and we can't wait for audiences to share in them."

Catherine Mackin, Managing Director of Acorn Media Enterprises, said:

"The Acorn TV audience have greatly enjoyed this heart-warming journey of love, loss, family, friends, and so much more – all led by the imagination of Dan, his brilliant writing team and an absolutely stellar cast. We are thrilled to join as coproducers on series four and continue our wonderful partnership with ITV, Tiger Aspect and Banijay."

Erika Hossington (Casualty, Dark Money) will executive produce for Tiger Aspect, with Catherine Mackin and Don Klees executive producing for Acorn TV. Philip John (Downton Abbey, Outlander) returns to direct, as well as Nimer Rashed (Casualty), with Rosemary McGowan (The Good Karma Hospital, Jonathan Creek) producing.

The Good Karma Hospital is represented internationally by Banijay Rights.

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