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London, 2nd December – BritBox UK will exclusively premier the sophisticated, 6-part spy thriller series SPY CITY which was produced by LEONINE Studios' production banner Odeon Fiction and MIRAMAX TV on 23rd December 2021.

SPY CITY stars Dominic Cooper (Preacher, Mamma Mia) as secret agent Fielding Scott, who has been sent to 1961 Berlin by a clandestine division within the Secret Intelligence Service of Great Britain. His mission is to find out the source of the hemorrhage of vital security information. The Russians, it seems, know everything. Someone in Berlin is giving away all the secrets of the Western powers – American, British and French. Fielding's is possibly the hardest job in the world. Clean up Berlin. Find out who the traitor is. And expose, arrest or eliminate them.

International cast members include Leonie Benesch (Babylon Berlin, The White Ribbon), Adrian Lukis (Judy, Pride and Prejudice), Johanna Wokalek (The Baader

Meinhof Complex) and Romane Portail (A Kid) in this series by internationally acclaimed novelist William Boyd (Any Human Heart, Restless). Miguel Alexandre (Arthur & Claire, Shades of Happiness, Gran Paradiso) photographed and directed the series.

SPY CITY's producers are Odeon Fiction's Britta Meyermann, Mischa Hofmann and Ann-Kathrin Eicher. Dominic Cooper, William Boyd, Thomas Augsberger and Bill Block are executive producers alongside Magenta TV's Michael Schuld, Sven Philipp and ZDF's Wolfgang Feindt and Annika Schmidt.

The series was co-produced by German public broadcaster ZDF, Seven Stories and Wilma Film, in association with Magenta TV and funded by FFF Bayern, Nordmedia, German Motion Picture Fund, Czech Film Fund and co-financed and executive produced by Miramax. ViacomCBS Global Distribution Group handles global sales.

Spy City will be available exclusively to BritBox UK subscribers from 23rd December 2021.

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Editors notes:

SPY CITY

Casting Colin Jones, Suse Marquardt, Alexandra Koknat, Arwa Salmanová, Annette Trumel, Make Up René Jordan, Costume Design Janne Birck, Production Design Thomas Franz, VFX Supervisor Frank Kaminski, Music Paul Eisenach, Jonas Hofer, Editor Marcel Peragine, Co-Producers Anand Tucker Colleen Woodcock, Line Producer Andrea Wetzel, created and written by William Boyd.

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About BritBox

BritBox is a digital video subscription service created by the BBC and ITV. The service brings the very best in past, present and future British programming and award-winning content to viewers all in one place for £5.99 per month in HD. British TV boxsets from All 4 and British films from Film 4 are also available. The service includes high quality factual and entertainment content from Channel 5 plus original British comedies from Comedy Central UK. BritBox features the biggest collection of British content available on any streaming service, and brand

new commissions for British production companies specifically created for BritBox. BritBox also offers expert curation and playlists that will enable viewers to easily find programmes they know and discover new favourites via web, mobile, tablet, connected TVs and streaming devices including Fire TV, Apple TV, Freesat, Chromecast and Roku. Content on BritBox can be downloaded and viewed offline where rights allow.

About Odeon Fiction

Odeon Fiction and its team stand for the production of high-quality fictional content for television, cinema and streaming platforms across all genres and formats. Odeon Fiction produces successful television series such as EIN FALL FÜR ZWEI, DER STAATSANWALT or LETZTE SPUR BERLIN and the series HARTER BROCKEN, DIE FÜCHSIN and MASUREN KRIMI, which regularly achieve top ratings on German television. Currently, SPY CITY is available on Magenta/ZDF and SCHWARZE INSEL on Netflix. Several series for Netflix, TNT, ZDF, ZDFneo and ARD are in (pre-) production. Among them are the Netflix series KITZ and the WDR series BONN. Formats such as TURKISH FOR BEGINNERS have received many national and international awards. Cinema productions include ERKAN & STEFAN, JOHN RABE, DAS FLIEGENDE KLASSENZIMMER and ZOROS SOLO. Odeon Fiction productions have been nominated and awarded the German Television Prize, the Grimme Prize, the German Comedy Prize and the Bavarian Television Prize, among others.

Odeon Fiction is a LEONINE Studios company.

About MIRAMAX®

A beIN Media Group and ViacomCBS company headquartered in Los Angeles, MIRAMAX is a global film and television studio best known for its award-winning and original content. The company recently entered a partnership with ViacomCBS to create synergies through both new production and co-financing opportunities in film and TV. Nasser Al-Khelaifi serves as Chairman beIN Media Group. Bill Block is CEO of MIRAMAX.

Upcoming and recent projects include the global blockbuster Halloween Kills starring Jamie Lee Curtis, produced by MIRAMAX with Trancas International Films and Blumhouse Productions, slated to release next year; The Georgetown Project starring Academy Award-winner Russell Crowe and directed by Joshua John Miller and M.A. Fortin; Uncle Frank, directed by Alan Ball and starring Paul Bettany which premiered at the 2020 Sundance Film Festival and was purchased by

Amazon. Guy Ritchie's *The Gentlemen*, Miramax's latest success passing \$100M at the worldwide box office and starring Matthew McConaughey, Charlie Hunnam, Colin Farrell and Hugh Grant, was released in January 2020. The action-thriller *Cash Truck*, currently in post-production, marks Miramax's second project with Ritchie and stars Jason Statham. MGM UA Releasing will distribute the film domestically. Other projects include, *Silent Retreat* a comedy from Isn't It Romantic director Todd Strauss-Schulson, and *The Perfection*, directed by Richard Shepard, starring Allison Williams and Logan Browning, which premiered at Fantastic Fest 2018 and was acquired by Netflix.

The studio's growing slate of global television content includes a series based on the company's action comedy hit *The Gentlemen*; a reboot of the sci-fi thriller *Mimic* as a TV series; *The Turkish Detective*, a detective series co-produced with ViacomCBS International Studios; *The Rise and Fall of Little Voice*, a series adaptation of the award-winning play which inspired the Miramax musical film; a limited series adaptation of the German bestselling novel *Brighter Than A Thousand Suns*; the original series *Messy*, written and created by Carly Chaikin; and *Spy City*, a six-part espionage Cold War series from Miramax and Germany's Odeon Fiction.

MIRAMAX's unrivaled library of more than 700 titles has received 278 Academy Award® nominations and 68 Oscars®, including four Best Picture awards.

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