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Exclusive look at Sanditon's new arrivals including Tom Weston-Jones, Ben Lloyd-Hughes, Frank Blake, Maxim Ays and Alexander Vlahos

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[Above picture shows: Charles Lockhart (ALEXANDER VLAHOS).]

7 December 2021: The new characters set to stir up a storm in the second series of Sanditon are revealed today as Britbox UK announce the series will premiere on Monday 21 March 2022, shortly after being broadcast in the US. The Jane Austen inspired drama from Red Planet Pictures will premiere on Sunday 20 March 2022 at 9/8c on MASTERPIECE on PBS in the US and will also air on ITV later next year in the UK.

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[Above picture shows Colbourne (BEN LLOYD-HUGHES).]

Joining Charlotte Heywood, Miss Lambe and the stalwarts of Sanditon is Alexander Colbourne (Ben Lloyd-Hughes), thoughtful, cerebral, and antisocial to the point of reclusiveness, who takes up residence in his family seat at Heyrick Park. Also setting foot on the sandy shores are the military men, led by Colonel Francis Lennox (Tom Weston-Jones), who soon shows that first impressions aren't everything. Plus, Captain Declan Fraser (Frank Blake) and Captain William Carter (Maxim Ays), who both strike up an acquaintance with Charlotte's younger sister Alison Heywood (Rosie Graham). Making Georgiana's acquaintance is the enigmatic and worldly Charles Lockhart (Alexander Vlahos), a Byronic artist, lover, critic, and explorer in equal measures!

The new series picks up with heroine Charlotte Heywood (Rose Williams) returning to the picturesque coastal resort, as the town is growing in popularity. Determined as ever to live a life less ordinary, Charlotte takes up the role of governess to Augusta Markham (Eloise Webb), Alexander Colbourne's ward and niece, who reluctantly lives in a loveless home and soon gives Charlotte a run for her money. Charlotte's spirited younger sister, Alison Heywood comes to Sanditon to pursue her own romantic dream, and joined by The Parkers, the second series promises new romances, friendships, and challenges for the residents as the Army make Sanditon their new base.

Tom Parker (Kris Marshall) strives to rebuild Sanditon but there are many unforeseen issues awaiting him, while the secrets and lies of the dysfunctional Denhams continue to rock the foundations of the sunny seaside town. And, in her last summer season before turning 21, Georgiana Lambe (Crystal Clarke), keen to forge her own identity, gets up to mischief in the name of love...but will she run the risk of being lonelier than ever before?

Series two will premiere as a BritBox Original in the UK on Monday 21 March 2022 and in the US on MASTERPIECE on PBS on Sunday 20 March 2022 at 9/8c. The new series of Sanditon will also air on ITV following the premiere window on BritBox UK. Justin Young (Death in Paradise, Ripper Street), who wrote four episodes of the first season of Sanditon, has developed the new series and is lead writer and executive producer. Davies, who originally created the drama, returns to write and executive produce. Colin Bytheway, Janice Okoh, Ellen Taylor and Robin French also write for the series.

BBC Studios are the international distributors of all three series; and have sold series one of Sanditon to 176 countries across the globe since its 2019 UK premiere on ITV. PBS Distribution is the distributor of all three seasons in the US and Canada. The series producer is Rebecca Hedderly (Casualty), the producers are Ian Hogan (Black Mirror) and Amy Rodriguez (Harlots) and lead director is Charles Sturridge (Marcella), with Ethosheia Hylton (Ackley Bridge) directing episodes 4,5 and 6. Executive producers are Belinda Campbell and Tim Key for Red Planet Pictures, Susanne Simpson for MASTERPIECE and Chloe Tucker for ITV/BritBox UK.

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About Red Planet Pictures

Red Planet Pictures creates ambitious and engaging drama. Run by Joint Managing Directors, Belinda Campbell and Alex Jones, Red Planet Pictures is an independent production company which has built a reputation for making dramas with high-quality storytelling which are loved by audiences across the globe.

Red Planet Pictures has produced some of the UK's most successful dramas of recent years, including BBC One ratings hit Death in Paradise—which this year celebrated a decade on screen with the broadcast of the tenth series (at the start of 2021 regularly gaining weekly audiences of over 8 million and over 33% share) and two further series commissioned and - SANDITON, an epic adaptation of the unfinished Jane Austen novel by Emmy and BAFTA-Award winning writer Andrew Davies for ITV and MASTERPIECE, which has been renewed for two further series by MASTERPIECE and BritBox UK, and films across the summer.

The indie, which was founded by award-winning showrunner and Executive Chairman Tony Jordan in 2006, also produced the innovative, ambitious and critically acclaimed 20-part drama Dickensian and flagship World War I drama The Passing Bells for BBC One as well as the big-budget action adventure series Hooten & The Lady for Sky One. In June 2021, multinational content creator and producer Asacha Media Group acquired a controlling stake in Red Planet Pictures, in a deal that will further the ambitions of both companies to produce high-end, popular drama that resonates on a global stage.

This year sees Red Planet Pictures broaden their slate still further with the devastating thriller

Our House, based on the award-winning, best-selling novel by Louise Candlish and adapted by Simon Ashdown for ITV, currently in production.

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About MASTERPIECE

Winner of 83 Primetime Emmys® and 18 Peabody Awards, MASTERPIECE has been

essential Sunday-night viewing for millions of fans since 1971. Susanne Simpson is the executive producer and Rebecca Eaton is the executive producer-at-large for the series. Funding for MASTERPIECE is provided by Viking and Raymond James with additional support from public television viewers and contributors to The MASTERPIECE Trust. Produced for PBS by GBH Boston, MASTERPIECE is known for hits such as All Creatures Great and Small, Sherlock, Downton Abbey and Victoria, and for beloved classics such as Upstairs Downstairs, Prime Suspect, The Forsyte Saga and Poldark.

About BritBox UK

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