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[Pictured above: Ciaran Hinds (playing Tom Sheridan) and Pom Boyd (playing Bernie Sheridan)]

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London, 15th February: BritBox UK today released two images from original comedy-drama series **The Dry**, produced by Element Pictures, in association with Fís Éireann/Screen Ireland and ITV Studios, in partnership with RTÉ.

The image features Roisin Gallagher (*The Fall, Nowhere Special*) as Shiv Sheridan who returns to Dublin after years of partying in London, sober and full of good intentions - but being back with her family makes staying on 'the dry' much

harder than she expected. As Shiv tries to navigate this new phase of her life, so must her family...and they all have issues they don't want to face.

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[Pictured: Roisin Gallagher playing Shiv Sheridan]

Award-winning playwright and screenwriter Nancy Harris (*Our New Girl, Dates*) and acclaimed director Paddy Breathnach (*Viva, Rosie*) are the team behind *The Dry*. Harris has created and written the 8 x 30 min scripts, with Breathnach directing all episodes in the Dublin set series, which debuts exclusively on BritBox UK in May.

On the origins of the series, writer Nancy Harris says, 'I came up with the idea for The Dry over a couple of years, as like a lot of people, addiction has touched my life in different ways. However, every time I'd ever seen addiction represented on screen, it had always been in the most extreme way, such as somebody in rehab. I was interested in exploring the ordinary reality of being sober. And of finding the humour in suddenly having to navigate the emotional minefields and absurdities of family life- all while trying not to drink.'

The Dry also stars recent Oscar nominee Ciarán Hinds (*Belfast, The Terror*), Pom Boyd (*Vanity Fair, Frank of Ireland*), Siobhán Cullen (*Origin, The Limehouse Golem*), Moe Dunford (*The Dig, Vikings*) and newcomer Adam Richardson.

Emma Norton and Michael Dawson are Exec Producing for Element alongside company founders Ed Guiney and Andrew Lowe and writer Nancy Harris. Element Pictures has offices in Dublin, London, and Belfast. The company recently brought the record-breaking adaptation of Sally Rooney's *Normal People* to the screen, and was behind Lenny Abrahamson's internationally acclaimed films *Room* and *The Little Stranger*; as well as all of Yorgos Lanthimos' English language films, *The Favourite*, *The Lobster* and *The Killing Of A Sacred Deer*, and upcoming production *Poor Things*.

ITV Studios is handling global distribution for *The Dry*.

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About Element Pictures

Element Pictures is an award-winning film and drama production company run by Ed Guiney and Andrew Lowe, with offices in Dublin, London and Belfast.

Previous television productions include Lenny Abrahamson's award-winning series *NORMAL PEOPLE* (BBC Three / HULU), based on Sally Rooney's best-selling novel; and co-production with Euston Films, *THE DUBLIN MURDERS* (BBC / Starz).

Current and upcoming television productions include the television adaptation of Sally Rooney's debut literary sensation, *CONVERSATIONS WITH FRIENDS* (BBC Three / HULU); and Shane Meadows' period drama debut *THE GALLOWS POLE* (BBC / A24).

Previous film productions include all of Lenny Abrahamson's films, including Academy Award, Golden Globe and BAFTA winning *ROOM*, *THE LITTLE STRANGER* and Yorgos Lanthimos' English language films *THE LOBSTER* (Jury Prize, Cannes), *THE KILLING OF A SACRED DEER* and Academy Award, Golden Globe and BAFTA winning *THE FAVOURITE*; as well as Sebastián Lelio's *DISOBEDIENCE* and Paddy Breathnach's *ROSIE*

Current film productions include Joanna Hogg's *THE ETERNAL DAUGHTER* (BBC Films and A24, executive produced by Martin Scorsese and starring Tilda Swinton; Sebastián Lelio's *THE WONDER* (Netflix), with Florence Pugh; Yorgos Lanthimos' *POOR THINGS* (Searchlight Pictures), starring Emma Stone; and Stephen William's historical biopic *CHEVALIER* (Searchlight Pictures), starring Kelvin Harrison Jr.

Recent film releases include Phyllida Lloyd's *HERSELF*, Sean Durkin's *THE NEST* and Joanna Hogg's *THE SOUVENIR PART II* (BBC Films and A24) which enjoyed its world premiere at Directors' Fortnight 2021.

Element Pictures also runs a distribution company in Ireland as well as the Light House Cinema in Dublin and Pálás Cinema in Galway.

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