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The fourth series sees Marsha Thomason (Cobra, White Collar) reprise her role as Morecambe CID's Family Liaison Officer, DS Jenn Townsend. Marsha stars alongside series regulars Daniel Ryan (Innocent, Home Fires), Erin Shanagher (Peaky Blinders, Censor), Thomas Law (The World's End, A Cinderella Story) and Andrew Dowbiggin (Cobra, Coronation Street). The series also sees the return of Barry Sloane (Six, Revenge), Georgia Scholes (Hollyoaks), David Carpenter and Emme Haynes.

When young mum of four, Beth Metcalf, dies in what seems to be a targeted attack, Morecambe's MIU team are called to the scene. Jenn immediately realises

this shattered family will need every support available to them. Bereft husband Dean finds himself at sea. Numb from shock and completely unprepared for being the sole carer to his four children he struggles at every turn - unable to process what's happened.

As Jenn, Manning, and the team dig deeper into the case, they discover secrets and lies lurk beneath every surface.

Joining the new series as guest cast are Joe Armstrong (Gentleman Jack, Happy Valley) as Dean Metcalf. Claire Goose (Waking The Dead, Unforgotten) joins playing Chris Fischer's ex-wife Jacqui, along with Ian Puleston-Davies (Pennyworth, Tin Star), Karl Davies (The Tower, Happy Valley) and Christopher Coghill (Slow Horses, Home Fires). Tom Taylor (Us, Doctor Foster), Eloise Thomas (Chloe), Will Oldfield (The Goes Wrong Show) and Ella Smith (CBeebies Presents: The Tempest) will star as the Metcalf's four children.

Catherine Oldfield, Creative Director of Tall Story Pictures and Executive Producer of The Bay said:

"Marsha's arrival in series three elevated The Bay yet again and Daragh has delivered another thrilling story for our hugely talented cast to get stuck into. We can't wait to bring it to life once again set against the backdrop of Morecambe's beautiful eerie skies and shore."

The Bay is commissioned for ITV by Head of Drama, Polly Hill, who commented:

"The Bay continues to captivate viewers and is a hugely successful drama for ITV, both on linear transmission and the ITV Hub. Marsha Thomason's casting in the last series was inspired, and Daragh Carville and the Tall Story Pictures team once again deliver a plot full of twists and turns that will keep you guessing to the end. Whilst all set against the dramatic coastline of Morecambe, with its glorious sea and skylines."

The Bay is co-created and written by award-winning writer and playwright Daragh Carville (Being Human, The Smoke, Cherrybomb), and produced by Tall Story Pictures, part of ITV Studios. Series four sees Caroline Carver join the writing team for episode 3 and Furquan Akhtar returns to write episode 5.

Sold in over 130 territories across the world, ITV Studios is responsible for the international distribution of The Bay. It is a BritBox North America Original.

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## About Tall Story Pictures

Founded in 2016, Tall Story Pictures produces television for UK and international broadcasters, working with the very best established and emerging writing talent.

Our aim is simple: To place the writer's vision at the heart of everything we develop and produce, and to engage and entertain audiences with exceptional storytelling. Tall Story Pictures is part of ITV Studios.

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