



MIPCOM CANNES TO HOST INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE OF ALICE & JACK FEATURING ANDREA RISEBOROUGH & DOMHNALL GLEESON



Paris/London, 28 September 2023 – MIPCOM CANNES and Fremantle today announced that the international premiere of **Alice & Jack**, the highly anticipated original drama series created and written by award-winning writer and film director Victor Levin (*Mad Men*, *Mad About You*), and starring Academy Award-nominated actress and producer Andrea Riseborough (*To Leslie*, *Birdman*) alongside actor, director and screenwriter Domhnall Gleeson (*Brooklyn*, *The Revenant*) will be staged on the first night of the forthcoming 39th International Co-Production & Entertainment Content Market (16-19 Oct) in Cannes.

Alice & Jack is an independent production from Fremantle in partnership with the BAFTA and Emmy award-winning company Me + You Productions (*I Am Ruth*, *Close to You*), Academy award-nominated Groundswell Productions (*Snowfall*, *Milk*), De Maio Entertainment, and MASTERPIECE in collaboration with Channel 4 which will air the series exclusively in the UK. Fremantle is handling global sales of the series.

The special screening will take place on **Monday 16 October at 18.00** in the world-famous Grand Auditorium in Cannes' Palais des Festivals. Open to all market delegates, it will be followed by a Q&A session with the team behind the project.

Alice & Jack is a love story for the ages. When Alice (Andrea Riseborough) and Jack (Domhnall Gleeson) first meet they're bound by a connection so powerful it seems nothing can break it, but will their path lead them to a place of happiness and togetherness? Or will life and their own emotional complexities get in the way? Honest, intimate, and surprisingly funny, the series shows love in all its unexpected, technicolour, kaleidoscopic beauty.

Finnish film director and screenwriter Juho Kuosmanen, who co-wrote and directed the 2021 Cannes Grand Prix co-winner *Compartment 6*, is the lead director on the series and Hong Khaou (*Lilting*) directs the second block. Executive producers on the project include Victor Levin, Andrea Riseborough, Domhnall Gleeson, Juho Kuosmanen, Richard Yee and Krishnendu Majumdar for Me + You Productions, Michael London and Shannon Gauldin for Groundswell, Lorenzo De Maio for De Maio Entertainment, Rebecca Dundon

and Hilary Martin for Fremantle. Tracy O’Riordan produces for Me + You Productions.

“Alice & Jack promises to be very special.” said **Lucy Smith, Director of MIPCOM CANNES and MIPJUNIOR**. *“An extraordinary line up of international talent in front of and behind the camera, collaborating on a story about the most universal of themes and (rightly) highly anticipated. It bears all the hallmarks of a premiere we are proud to present to the global industry in Cannes.”*

Jens Richter, CEO Commercial & International at Fremantle said: *“We’re thrilled to premiere Alice & Jack to the international market in the headline slot at MIPCOM. This is an ambitious, emotive and cinematic series that features mesmerizing performances from leading global actors Andrea Riseborough and Domhnall Gleeson. From a talented creative team including award-winning writer Victor Levin, this seminal series is reflective of the calibre of dramas that we are excited to present at this year’s market.”*

Along with **Alice & Jack**, Fremantle is showcasing a line-up of world-class, powerful English-language content featuring leading global talent at MIPCOM CANNES 2023; **Big Mood** is a vivacious and contemporary comedic drama starring Nicola Coughlan and Lydia West, **Domino Day** stars BAFTA-nominated Siena Kelly in an irresistible new supernatural drama, **Nightsleeper** features Alexandra Roach and Joe Cole in a modern twist on the classic runaway train genre and Natalie Dormer stars in **White Lies**, a dynamic investigative thriller set against the ugly underbelly beneath the picturesque beauty of Cape Town;

In all, 11,000 global buyers, commissioners, creatives and producers, from over 100 countries, are set to attend this year’s MIPCOM CANNES - the world’s greatest gathering of TV and entertainment executives. Riviera exhibition halls and outdoor Croisette beach exhibition areas are sold out with a line-up comprising major studios, production and distribution groups.

MIPJUNIOR also returns to the JW Marriott at the weekend heading into MIPCOM CANNES (Oct 13-15) with a brand-new half-day pre-opening program beginning at 14.00 on Friday (Oct 13).

The week-long MIPCOM CANNES conference programme helps define the TV industry year with keynotes from leading global players and thought leaders in addition to screenings of highly anticipated series and exclusive insight presentations. An overview of the Conference Programme schedule can be found [here](#).

Note for editors:

Alice & Jack is an independent project shot in the UK and parts of Spain in 2022 and all of the performer’s services are covered under the PACT/Equity Agreement.

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About FREMANTLE

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About DE MAIO ENTERTAINMENT

De Maio Entertainment is an independent premium content company specializing in production, sales, and strategic advisory, backed by Fremantle. The company is led by Lorenzo De Maio, former Partner and EVP at Endeavor Content who was instrumental in the launch and success of Endeavor Content, working on multiple award-winning shows including KILLING EVE, THE NIGHT MANAGER, and NORMAL PEOPLE. De Maio has spearheaded several partnerships for Fremantle including deals with Nicky Weinstock (SEVERANCE, ESCAPE AT DANNEMORA),

award-winning journalist Afua Hirsch, Element Pictures (*THE FAVOURITE*, *NORMAL PEOPLE*), and Angelina Jolie. The partnership with Jolie is across film, television, and documentaries and is currently in post-production on the film *WITHOUT BLOOD* starring Salma Hayek and Demián Bichir. The company also works on projects across Fremantle's US and international eco-system, including *FERRARI* from *The Apartment* and Steven Knight, which was greenlit to series at Apple, Luca Guadagnino's film *BONES AND ALL*, which won two major awards at the 2022 Venice Film Festival, and *THE LEHMAN TRILOGY* to be directed by Florian Zeller.

About GROUNDSWELL PRODUCTIONS

Groundswell Productions is an independent production and financing company founded by Michael London in February 2006 and headquartered in Los Angeles. Shannon Gauling is President of Production.

Groundswell is in post-production on Searchlight Picture's "Greatest Hits," written and directed by Ned Benson and starring Lucy Boynton; and recently wrapped the sixth and final season of the hit FX series "Snowfall."

London received an Academy Award nomination for best picture for *SIDEWAYS* directed by Alexander Payne and won the Golden Globe for Best Picture in the Comedy category. He was Golden Globe-nominated for Showtime's *SMILF*, created by and starring Frankie Shaw; and Emmy-nominated for HBO Films' *CONFIRMATION*, starring Kerry Washington as Anita Hill.

In addition to six television series, Groundswell has produced 16 films since its inception including *TRUMBO* directed by Jay Roach and starring Bryan Cranston, who was nominated for an Academy Award; *MILK* starring Sean Penn and *THE VISITOR* written and directed by Tom McCarthy, both of which were nominated for Academy Awards in 2008; and *THE INFORMANT!*, directed by Steven Soderbergh and starring Matt Damon.

About ME + YOU PRODUCTIONS

Me + You Productions is an award-winning UK based independent film and television production company founded by BAFTA and EMMY winning filmmakers Richard Yee and Krishnendu Majumdar. They develop and produce cinematic, authored drama and comedy with the very best writing and directing talent and have a track record in making global hit series.

Their feature film *CLOSE TO YOU* starring Elliot Page from writer and director Dominic Savage recently premiered at TIFF. Me + You's critically acclaimed anthology drama series *I AM* for Channel 4 written and directed by Dominic Savage, starring Kate Winslet, Samantha Morton, Letitia Wright and Vicky McClure won two BAFTAs (Single Drama, Leading Actress – Kate Winslet), won a Royal Television Society Award (Leading Actress – Kate Winslet), and was nominated for two Baftas (Single Drama – *I AM VICTORIA*, Leading Actress - Samantha Morton).

They produced two series of the critically acclaimed 6-part scripted comedy drama series *SICK OF IT*, written by Karl Pilkington and Richard Yee for Sky One and Royal Television Society winning *THE DALI AND THE COOPER*, a single film for Sky Arts / Showtime written by Roger Drew & Ed Dyson, directed by Iain Forsyth & Jane Pollard, and starring David Suchet & Noel Fielding with music by Jarvis Cocker & Richard Hawley.

Me + You's other output includes two series of INTERNATIONAL EMMY winning comedy *HOFF THE RECORD* (starring David Hasselhoff, Brett Goldstein & Asim Chaudhry) for UKTV and Netflix. They are the co-creators and show runners of three series of the BAFTA-nominated global hit *AN IDIOT ABROAD* starring Ricky Gervais, Stephen Merchant and Karl Pilkington.

Their work has won two BAFTA's, two Royal Television Society awards, an International EMMY, a C21 International Drama award, a MIND Media Award and a WFTV award in addition to being nominated for three BAFTAs, a National Television Award, three Royal Television Society Awards and multiple Broadcast Awards.

Diversity is in the DNA of Me + You: the company is owned and creatively led by two people of colour. Krish has an Indian (Bengali) heritage and was born in Wales. Richard has Chinese heritage and was born in Scotland. Krish is the former Chair of BAFTA (2020-23). He is the first person of colour to be appointed to the role in BAFTA's 76-year history and the youngest chair in nearly 40 years. He has personally led BAFTA through seismic changes and a cultural shift, from passive to proactive and progressive in tackling inequality. He has a long history of leading on diversity issues across the Industry for PACT and Directors UK.

Me + You is committed to reflecting and representing the diversity of the UK and beyond. They ensure that diversity and Inclusion is hardwired into everything they do – how they work with their audiences, their people and their partners and especially the types of stories they tell. They're passionate about championing diverse voices and talent in front of and behind the camera.

About MIPCOM CANNES

MIPCOM CANNES leads a portfolio of markets and conferences from RX France's Entertainment Division staged for the international television distribution and production community year-round alongside MIPTV (featuring MIPDOC and MIPFORMATS), MIP CANCUN and MIPJUNIOR.

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