

NENT Group presents 'Thicker than Water' as next original series

- New season of hit Swedish-Finnish drama to be shown exclusively on NENT Group's Viaplay streaming service
- 'Thicker than Water' produced by NENT Studios' Nice Drama
- NENT Group to premiere at least 20 original productions every year

'Thicker than Water' is the next original production from Nordic Entertainment Group (NENT Group), the Nordic region's leading streaming company. The first two seasons of the Swedish-Finnish drama series, which were co-produced by local public service broadcasters SVT and YLE, attracted large audiences and critical acclaim across the Nordic region. Season three of 'Thicker than Water' will premiere exclusively on NENT Group's Viaplay streaming service in 2020.

NENT Group's next original production continues the complex and intense story of the Waldemar siblings. Returning to their childhood home on the beautiful Baltic island of Åland, they discover that blood is indeed thicker than water, and that facing up to today's problems is often simpler than confronting the secrets of the past.

'Thicker than Water' (Swedish title: 'Tjockare än vatten') stars Björn Bengtsson ('The Last Kingdom'), Aliette Opheim (NENT Group's 'Hassel') and Joel Spira ('Easy Money'). The supporting cast includes Filip Berg (NENT Group's 'Black Lake'), Stina Ekblad ('Fanny and Alexander'), Molly Nutley ('Änglagård – Tredje gången gillt'), Tobias Zilliacus ('Gåsmamman'), Ville Virtanen ('Bordertown'), Jessica Grabowsky ('Midnight Sun') and Saga Sarkola ('Tellus').

Nice Drama, a NENT Studios company and the producer of the first two seasons, returns to produce 'Thicker than Water' season three, which is currently filming on location in Åland. The series is produced by Cecilia Norman Mardell ('Real Humans') and directed by Erik Eger (NENT Group's 'Hassel') and Johan Brisinger ('Suddenly').

Every previous season of 'Thicker than Water' will be available on Viaplay when season three premieres.

Jakob Mejlhede Andersen, Viaplay Chief Content Officer: "The first two seasons of 'Thicker than Water' created compelling drama around just how dysfunctional some families can be. NENT Group's leadership in Nordic storytelling makes us ideally equipped to take this popular series to a different level. Our Nice Drama company has shaped every chapter of the Waldemar story so far, and now Viaplay will be the exclusive home of the latest season



of this must-see show. Our original productions continue to flow and viewers can look forward to streaming yet another unique drama in 'Thicker than Water'."

About NENT Group's original productions

NENT Group has now launched 55 original productions and is set to premiere a minimum of 20 every year. In the past 12 months, '<u>Fixi in Playland</u>'; '<u>Honour</u>'; '<u>Manson's Bloodline</u>'; season two of '<u>ALEX</u>'; '<u>Swedish Sin</u>'; '<u>Straight Forward</u>'; season one of '<u>Saga's Stories</u>'; '<u>Wisting</u>'; '<u>The Inner Circle</u>'; '<u>Darkness – Those Who Kill</u>'; '<u>Hidden</u>'; 'The Truth Will Out'; '<u>Four Hands Menu</u>'; '<u>Pros and Cons</u>'; season two of '<u>The Great Escape</u>'; and season two of '<u>Black Lake</u>' have premiered.

Recently announced originals include season two of '<u>The Lawyer</u>'; season two of '<u>Love Me</u>'; '<u>The Machinery</u>'; season three of '<u>The Great Escape</u>'; season two of '<u>Saga's Stories</u>'; '<u>Food & Fire</u>'; '<u>First Responders</u>'; '<u>Seizure</u>'; '<u>Partisan</u>'; '<u>American Runestone</u>'; '<u>Home Invasion</u>'; 'The Professionals'; '<u>Shadowplay</u>'; '<u>Box 21</u>'; season two of 'Rig 45'; '<u>The Ambassador</u>'; '<u>Margeaux</u>'; '<u>Cryptid</u>'; '<u>Commando</u>'; '<u>Face to Face</u>'; season one of '<u>Love Me</u>'; and '<u>Cold Courage</u>'.

As well as breaking Nordic viewing records, NENT Group's originals are increasingly reaching audiences around the world. Amongst others, 'ALEX' has been sold to broadcast and streaming partners in <u>Europe</u>, <u>Asia and the US</u>; 'Veni Vidi Vici' has premiered on <u>Hulu</u> and is set for a <u>US remake in partnership with Lionsgate</u>; 'Swedish Dicks' has featured on <u>Pop TV</u> in the US; 'Black Lake' has been shown on <u>BBC Four and AMC Networks-backed Shudder</u>; and 'Honour' has been sold to RTL in Germany and to Belgium's VRT.

<u>In January 2019</u>, NENT Group announced a UK-based joint venture with award-winning independent studio FilmNation Entertainment to develop, produce and finance premium scripted television content for global audiences.

In May 2019, NENT Group invested in a minority stake in the new US production company Picturestart together with a range of high-profile industry partners. Based in Los Angeles and founded by renowned producer Erik Feig, Picturestart will create, co-finance and produce premium scripted content for young adult viewers around the world.

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