

# NENT Group adapts Martin Österdahl's 'Max Anger' novels for next original series

- Latest Viaplay original based on Martin Österdahl's 'Max Anger' global bestsellers
- Eight-part series stars Adam Lundgren ('Chernobyl') and Evin Ahmad ('Beyond Dreams')
- NENT Group to premiere at least 30 original productions in 2020

Nordic Entertainment Group (NENT Group), the Nordic region's leading streaming company, will launch action thriller 'Max Anger' as its next original production. Based on Martin Österdahl's bestselling novels about Russia expert and former special ops soldier Max Anger, the eight-episode series will premiere exclusively across the Nordic region on NENT Group's Viaplay streaming service in 2021.

A man scarred by battle and a mysterious past, Max Anger (Adam Lundgren: 'Chernobyl') at last has a shot at a peaceful life when he falls for Pashie (Evin Ahmad: 'Beyond Dreams'), his colleague at Russia-focused think tank Vektor. But when she suddenly disappears, Max is plunged into a world of crime, corruption and international intrigue in St. Petersburg, where the fates of both Pashie and an entire country hang in the balance.

'Max Anger' is directed by Lisa Farzaneh ('Quicksand') and Jesper W. Nielsen ('Greyzone'), with Mikael Newihl (NENT Group's 'The Lawyer') as lead writer. The series is produced by Lejla Bešić and Jan Marnell at Nice Drama, a NENT Studios company, and by Twelve Town.

Filippa Wallestam, NENT Group Chief Content Officer: "Martin Österdahl witnessed history in the making when he lived in Russia during the tumultuous 1990s, and his globally successful books build on his first-hand knowledge of this fascinating country. We have already adapted a number of bestselling Nordic novels into successful streaming series, including most recently Roslund & Hellström's 'Box 21'. 'Max Anger' gathers some of the Nordic region's hottest talents and shows once more that we continue to maximise our ambitions for Viaplay."

## **About NENT Group's original productions**

NENT Group is set to premiere a minimum of 30 original productions in 2020. In the past six months, 'The Machinery'; season two of 'The Lawyer'; 'Cold Courage'; 'Big Lars'; 'The Last Journey of the Vikings'; season two of 'Saga's Stories'; 'Thicker than Water'; 'The Children's Queen'; season two of 'Rig 45'; 'Mia's Magic Playground'; season two of 'Couple Trouble'; 'Box 21'; and 'The Art of Living' have premiered on Viaplay across the Nordic region.



Recently announced originals include '<u>Dystopia</u>'; '<u>The Head</u>'; '<u>Suck It Up</u>'; '<u>Orca</u>'; '<u>The Swarm</u>'; '<u>Delete Me</u>'; season two of '<u>The Truth Will Out</u>'; '<u>Harmonica</u>'; season two of '<u>Pros and Cons</u>'; '<u>Perfect People</u>'; season two of '<u>Face to Face</u>'; '<u>Huss</u>'; season two of '<u>Those Who Kill</u>'; seasons two and three of '<u>Fixi in Playland</u>'; season two of '<u>Honour</u>'; '<u>Hammarvik</u>'; season two of '<u>Love Me</u>'; '<u>First Responders</u>'; '<u>Partisan</u>'; seasons one and two of '<u>American Runestone</u>'; '<u>Home Invasion</u>'; 'The Professionals'; '<u>Shadowplay</u>'; '<u>The Ambassador</u>'; '<u>Margeaux</u>'; '<u>Cryptid</u>'; and '<u>Commando</u>'.

As well as breaking Nordic viewing records, NENT Group's originals are also reaching audiences around the world. Amongst others, 'ALEX' has been sold in <a href="Europe">Europe</a>, Asia and the <a href="US">US</a>; 'Veni Vidi Vici' has premiered on <a href="Hulu">Hulu</a> and is set for a <a href="US">US remake in partnership with</a> <a href="Lionsgate">Lionsgate</a>; 'Pros and Cons' has been picked up by <a href="Canal+">Canal+</a> and <a href="Topic">Topic</a>; 'Honour' has been sold to <a href="RTL">RTL</a> and <a href="VRT">VRT</a>; and 'Those Who Kill' is available on <a href="the BBC">the BBC</a> and ARTE.

During 2019, NENT Group announced a UK-based joint venture with <u>FilmNation</u> <u>Entertainment</u> and invested in US studio <u>Picturestart</u>.

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