

NENT Group commissions 'Stella Blómkvist' season two

- Icelandic noir drama series stars Heida Reed (BBC's 'Poldark')
- Season two co-commissioned by Síminn and produced by Sagafilm
- NENT Group to premiere at least 40 original productions in 2021

The next original series from Nordic Entertainment Group (NENT Group), the Nordic region's leading streaming company, will be a new season of its hit Icelandic noir drama 'Stella Blómkvist'. The show is already in production in Iceland and Heida Reed (BBC's 'Poldark') will reprise her title role from season one, which received eight nominations at Iceland's prestigious Eddan Awards. 'Stella Blómkvist' season two will stream on NENT Group's Viaplay service across the Nordic and Baltic regions.

Smart, ruthless and with a taste for fine whiskey, Reykjavik lawyer Stella Blómkvist prefers one method of justice – her own. But as she becomes increasingly involved with some of Iceland's most powerful political figures, Stella is faced with a series of dramatic new cases that will force her to push her unique skills – and the law – to the limit.

Filippa Wallestam, NENT Group Chief Content Officer: "Stella means 'star' and this edgy and unconventional show is one of the brightest lights in Icelandic drama today. Investing in unique local storytelling is a priority for NENT Group in every market. Viaplay has reshaped Iceland's streaming landscape since launching this spring and we're just getting started."

Based on the bestselling novels of the same name, 'Stella Blómkvist' is directed by Óskar Thór Axelsson ('Black's Game') and Thora Hilmarsdóttir ('The Valhalla Murders'). Season two is a co-commission with Icelandic broadcaster Síminn and is produced by Sagafilm with support from the Icelandic Film Centre and the Ministry of Industries and Innovation.

The second season has six episodes and is distributed globally by Red Arrow Studios International and by Lumière in the Benelux countries. Season one was picked up by AMC Networks' Sundance Now in North America, the UK, Australia and New Zealand, and by NBCUniversal Global in Spain and in French-speaking territories.

Viaplay's 'Films & Series' package was launched in Iceland on 1 April, and more than 5% of the country's households subscribed in the opening weeks. Viaplay's 'Total' package, which also includes sports content such as Bundesliga football and Formula 1, became available in Iceland from 15 May.

About NENT Group's original productions



NENT Group is set to premiere at least 40 original productions in 2021. In the past three months, 'Hammarvik'; 'The Ambassador'; season two of 'Fixi in Playland'; season two of 'Love Me'; 'Catwalk'; 'Partisan'; and season two of 'Mia's Magic Playground' have premiered on Viaplay.

Recently announced originals include season two of 'Wisting'; 'The Box'; 'Two Sisters'; 'Thunder in My Heart'; 'Furia'; 'Close to Me'; 'Try Hard'; 'Max Anger'; 'Dystopia'; 'The Head'; 'Suck It Up'; 'Orca'; 'The Swarm'; 'Delete Me'; season two of 'The Truth Will Out'; 'Harmonica'; season two of 'Pros and Cons'; 'Perfect People'; season two of 'Face to Face'; 'Huss'; season two of 'Those Who Kill'; season three of 'Fixi in Playland'; season two of 'Honour'; season two of 'The American Runestone'; 'Home Invasion'; 'Professionals'; 'Shadowplay'; 'Margeaux'; 'Cryptid'; and 'Commando'.

NENT Group's 'Wisting' has been shown on <u>BBC Four and Sundance Now</u>; 'ALEX' has been sold 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 with Lionsgate</u>; 'Pros and Cons' has been picked up by <u>Canal+ and Topic</u>; 'Honour' has been sold to <u>RTL and VRT</u>; 'Those Who Kill' is available on <u>the BBC and ARTE</u>; and 'Mia's Magic Playground' has launched on Sky Kids.

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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