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NENT Group's next international Viaplay Original is 'North Sea Connection'

- English-language thriller features star Nordic and international cast
- 'North Sea Connection' produced by MOPAR Studios and Subotica for NENT Group, co-produced by RTÉ and distributed by A+E Networks® International
- NENT Group to premiere at least 60 Viaplay Originals in 2022

The English-language thriller 'North Sea Connection' will be the next international Viaplay Original from Nordic Entertainment Group (NENT Group), one of the world's fastest growing streaming companies. Currently filming in Ireland, the six-part series is headlined by Lydia McGuinness ('Wild Mountain Thyme'), Kerr Logan ('Alias Grace'), Sinéad Cusack ('V for Vendetta'), Alida Morberg ('Black Lake') and Claes Ljungmark ('Borg'). 'North Sea Connection' will premiere on NENT Group's Viaplay streaming service in 2022.

The stunning scenery of Ireland's west coast conceals a dark secret in 'North Sea Connection', in which Ciara (Lydia McGuinness) must confront the dramatic consequences of her brother Aidan (Kerr Logan)'s decision to transport drugs at sea. Threatened by a cartel and with a Swedish police officer (Alida Morberg) closing in, Ciara's plans lead her family into a new series of unpredictable and dangerous events.

Filippa Wallestam, NENT Group Chief Content Officer: "The combination of high-stakes drama, top talents on both sides of the camera and of course a Nordic twist gives this series the ingredients of a top-drawer thriller. Viaplay's storytelling knows no borders, and with its unique setting, 'North Sea Connection' will be a compelling addition to our fast-growing international slate."

'North Sea Connection' is written by Mark Greig ('Bulletproof') and directed by Paul Murphy ('Red Election') and Hannah Quinn ('The Stranger').

The series is executive produced for Viaplay and Ireland's RTÉ by Jess Pope, Christian Alveborg, William Diskay and Jonas Fors at MOPAR Studios, Jon Petersson at NENT Group, David Crean at RTÉ, and Tristan Orpen Lynch and Aoife O'Sullivan for Subotica. Nell Green ('You Were Never Really Here'; 'Medici') is producing the series. International distribution is by A+E Networks® International. Funding for the series has been provided by Screen Ireland, the Broadcasting Authority Ireland and Western Region Audiovisual Producers Fund.



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About NENT Group's Viaplay Originals

NENT Group is set to premiere at least 60 Viaplay Originals in 2022. In the past three months, [‘Red Election’](#); [‘Suedi’](#); [‘Furia’](#); season two of [‘The Truth Will Out’](#); [‘Close to Me’](#); [‘Two Sisters’](#); season two of [‘Face to Face’](#); [‘Threesome’](#); and [‘A Class Apart’](#) have premiered on Viaplay.

Recently announced originals include [‘Limbo’](#); [‘Litvinenko’](#); [‘Karma and Jonar’](#); [‘Ronja’](#); [‘Ida Takes Charge’](#); season two of [‘The Machinery’](#); [‘The Prize of Silence’](#); [‘Sort Of’](#); [‘The Uninhabitable Earth’](#); [‘Polish Murderesses’](#), [‘Black Dog’](#) and [‘Freedom of the Swallow’](#); season two of [‘Partisan’](#); season three of [‘Honour’](#); seasons three and four of [‘Hammarvik’](#); [‘The Holiday’](#); seasons two and three of [‘Pørni’](#); [‘Hilma’](#); [‘Billy the Kid’](#); [‘Sisterhood’](#); [‘Who Shot Otto Mueller?’](#); a biopic of [‘Börje Salming’](#); [‘Fadime’](#); [‘Taylor’s Island’](#); [‘Kin’](#); [‘What about Monica’](#); [‘Trom’](#); [‘THE KINGDOM EXODUS’](#); [‘Made in Oslo’](#); [‘Estonia: The Last Wave’](#); season two of [‘Stella Blómkvist’](#); season two of [‘Wisting’](#); [‘The Box’](#); [‘The Swarm’](#); [‘Harmonica’](#); [‘Perfect People’](#); and [‘Margeaux’](#).

NENT Group will produce [two major English-language films every year](#). The company has also established a UK-based joint venture with [FilmNation Entertainment](#) and invested in US studio [Picturestart](#).

NOTES TO EDITORS

Nordic Entertainment Group AB (publ) (NENT Group)’s Viaplay streaming service is available in Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Iceland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland. Viaplay will launch in the US in 2021 and the Netherlands and the UK in 2022, followed by Canada, Germany, Austria and Switzerland by the end of 2023. We operate streaming services, TV channels, radio stations and production companies, and our purpose is to tell stories, touch lives and expand worlds. Headquartered in Stockholm with a global perspective, NENT Group is listed on Nasdaq Stockholm (‘NENT B’).

About RTÉ

*RTÉ (Raidió Teilifís Éireann) is Ireland's national public-service media organisation. RTÉ commissions a broad range of high-quality programming and content to meet the needs of multiple audiences. Further information can be found here:
<https://www.rte.ie/about/en/how-rte-is-run/2014/0310/601244-about-rte/>*

About MOPAR Studios

MOPAR Studios is an exciting Nordic production house that brings to life gripping TV drama for a global audience. The studio brings together enthusiastic teams of creatives that



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represent the very best of Nordic and international talent to develop and deliver stories that reflect the social issues of today's world. MOPAR Studios' Red Election is currently airing on Viaplay.

About A+E Networks

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