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## BBC FIRST ACQUIRES NEW SERIES OF DEATH IN PARADISE

### BIG RETURNING SERIES JOIN ORIGINAL NEW PROGRAMMES



The new series of the hit drama *Death in Paradise*, currently in production on the Caribbean island of Guadeloupe, has been secured for BBC First and will premiere on the channel next year. It will join other big returning show *Call the Midwife*, with series four already acquired for the channel for 2015.

Starring **Kris Marshall** (*Love Actually*, *My Family*) as DI Humphrey Goodman, the successful series follows the detective team on the idyllic Caribbean island of Saint Marie as they investigate the most intriguing and dastardly of murders. They must use their skills to uncover the truth behind the island's complex crimes. Guest stars for the fourth series include ex Coronation Street actress **Natalie Gumede**, **Amy Nuttall** (*Downtown Abbey*) and former *EastEnders*' star **Hettie Bywater**.

*Death in Paradise* and *Call the Midwife* will sit alongside a slew of new, original programmes. The second series of BBC First launch titles *The Musketeers* and *Peaky Blinders*, also currently in production, have now been secured for the channel.

Natalie Edgar, Director of Television BBC Worldwide Australia and New Zealand, said "*Death in Paradise* is a hugely popular programme and I am delighted that our audiences will get a chance to see it first on BBC First as part of our mix of exciting new titles and the latest series of established shows. I'm confident that *The Musketeers* and *Peaky Blinders* will be a big hit with our viewers so it's good news that the second series of each of these well-received shows will be coming to Australia on BBC First."

*Death In Paradise* is a Red Planet Pictures production in association with BBC Worldwide, produced with the support of the region of Guadeloupe.

The BBC Worldwide channel, which will showcase the very best new British dramas and comedies in one place for the first time, launches on Foxtel on August 3. To give viewers a chance to sample some of the programmes which will be on offer on the channel, Foxtel and BBC First have made the

first full episodes of series one of *The Musketeers* and *Peaky Blinders* available free on YouTube until August 10.

The Musketeers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zny2E4nTTek>

Peaky Blinders: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cwaxz3pugWw>

BBC First joins existing BBC channels – UKTV, BBC Knowledge, CBeebies and BBC World News – on the Foxtel platform. It will also be available on Foxtel GO and in high definition. Drama and comedy fans will be able to check what's coming up on BBC First via the programme page [bbc.com/first](http://bbc.com/first).

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