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JANE CAMPION'S TOP OF THE LAKE: CHINA GIRL AUSTRALIAN AIRDATE ANNOUNCED



"With its sharp writing, superior cast, evocative locations, seductively seamy subject matter and delicious performances, Top of the Lake is decidedly back in a major way,"
The Hollywood Reporter

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BBC First and Foxtel today announced the airdate of their local co-production *Top of the Lake: China Girl*. The next installment of Jane Campion's Emmy and Golden Globe nominated series *Top of the Lake* from See-Saw Films will air on BBC First from August 20 at 8.30pm.

Filmed in Sydney, *Top of the Lake: China Girl* received rave reviews and a standing ovation at its international premiere at the Cannes Film Festival, the first time the festival had screened a television series.

Following its Cannes debut *Indie Wire* called it the 'highlight of the festival...as beautiful and soul-stirring as anything you'll see this year', *The Times* described it as a 'complex delicious drama' while *The Sydney Morning Herald* said it was 'one of the festival's unarguable triumphs' and *Variety*

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applauded the series for offering 'plenty of surprises, gorgeous cinematography, a compelling Australian urban backdrop, and a mystery that keeps audiences guessing'.

Top of the Lake: China Girl sees **Elisabeth Moss** (*The Handmaid's Tale*, *Mad Men*) reprise her Golden Globe winning role as Detective Robin Griffin. She is joined by **Gwendoline Christie** (*Game of Thrones*, *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*) and **Nicole Kidman**.

Also joining the cast are **David Dencik** (*Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*), **Alice Englert** (*Beautiful Creatures*, *Jonathan Strange And Mr Norrell*) and **Ewen Leslie** (*The Daughter*).

Prior to its television premiere, the first two episodes will be shown at a special Opera House screening on August 1. It will also air in its entirety at the Melbourne International Film Festival on August 5. Both screenings will host a Q&A with Jane Campion, creators and cast.

Top of the Lake: China Girl is a crime mystery story that finds Detective Robin Griffin recently returned to Sydney and trying to rebuild her life. When the body of an Asian girl washes up on Bondi Beach, there appears little hope of finding the killer, until Robin realises "China Girl" didn't die alone. Robin looks to the investigation to restore herself, but her problems are personal. Haunted by a daughter given up at birth, Robin desperately wants to find her, yet dreads revealing the truth of her conception. But her search to discover "China Girl's" identity will take her into the city's darkest recesses and closer than she could have imagined to the secrets of her own heart.

Top of the Lake: China Girl is directed by Oscar® winner **Jane Campion** (*Bright Star*, *The Piano*), and **Ariel Kleiman** (*Partisan*) and co-written by Campion and **Gerard Lee**. *Top of the Lake* is being produced by **Philippa Campbell** (*Rain*, *Top of the Lake* season one) and **Libby Sharpe** (*Jewboy*). Executive producers are Campion with See-Saw's **Emile Sherman**, **Iain Canning** (*The King's Speech*, *Shame*) and **Jamie Laurenson**, alongside **Lucy Richer** for the BBC.

Top of the Lake: China Girl is co-produced by BBC First and Foxtel with BBC Two, See-Saw Films, BBC UKTV in New Zealand, SundanceTV and Hulu in the United States, ARTE in France and BBC Worldwide.

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