

Media Alert



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BBC FIRST ANNOUNCES LES MISERABLES TO AIR SUNDAYS AT 8.30PM FROM MARCH 10

STARRING DOMINIC WEST, DAVID OYELOWO, LILY COLLINS AND OLIVIA COLMAN



“utterly first-class” – The Guardian

“so well told it’s hard to look away” – The Independent

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BBC First announces the highly anticipated series *Les Misérables* is set to air on Sundays at 8.30pm from March 10. Adapted by the award-winning screenwriter **Andrew Davies** (*Pride and Prejudice*, *War and Peace*), this landmark drama has gone back to the novel and delved deep into the many layers of Hugo’s story, revelling in Jean Valjean’s and Javert’s cat-and-mouse relationship against the epic backdrop of France at a time of civil unrest.



The star-studded cast includes Golden Globe nominees **Dominic West** (*The Affair, Tomb Raider, Appropriate Adult*) as Jean Valjean, **David Oyelowo** (*Selma, Gringo, Spooks*) as Javert and **Lily Collins** (*The Last Tycoon, Rules Don't Apply*) as Fantine. Golden Globe winner and Oscar nominee **Olivia Colman** (*The Favourite, The Crown*) plays Madame Thénardier with BAFTA winner **Adeel Akhtar** (*The Night Manager, Unforgotten*) as her husband. **Ellie Bamber** (*Nocturnal Animals, Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*) is Cosette, **Josh O'Connor** (*The Durrells, Ripper Street*) is Marius and **Erin Kellyman** (*Raised By Wolves*) is Eponine.

Les Misérables is the story of Jean Valjean, a former convict unable to escape the shadow of his past life. His future is threatened by his nemesis, the chilling police officer and former prison guard Javert, who is determined to bring him to justice. Meanwhile Fantine, a working class woman abandoned by her rich lover, is driven to increasingly desperate measures to provide for her young daughter. Their stories collide and as revolutionary violence ignites on the streets of Paris, Jean Valjean begins an epic journey towards self-acceptance, redemption and love.

A full media kit is available [here](#)

The Lookout Point and BBC Studios production, which does not feature any songs, is adapted by Andrew Davies from the French novel by Victor Hugo and directed by Tom Shankland. Produced by Chris Carey, filming for *Les Misérables* took place in Belgium and Northern France.

***Les Misérables* actor and Executive Producer David Oyelowo will be available for interview in Sydney. For access please contact sue.affleck@bbc.com**

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Episodes 1 and 2 of *Les Misérables* are available to preview at bbcworldwidepreviews.com

Further images are available at bbcmedia.com.au

An embeddable trailer of *Les Misérables* is available [here](#).

Q&As with cast and crew are available [here](#).

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