



## Press Release

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### **SS-GB: GRIPPING CONSPIRACY THRILLER STARRING SAM RILEY AND KATE BOSWORTH, PREMIERES ON BBC FIRST MAY 7**



**"Resistance to this pacey Nazi drama is futile" - *The Telegraph***

**"An involving and eerie tale that echoes the uncertainties of our time"  
- *The Hollywood Reporter***

**"A brilliantly unsettling alternative history of the Second World War" - *Radio Times***

History is turned on its head in the gripping and intelligent *SS-GB*, starring acclaimed actor **Sam Riley** (*Control*, *Maleficent*) and actress **Kate Bosworth** (*Still Alice*, *Superman Returns*), premiering on BBC First from Sunday, May 7 at 8.30pm.

*SS-GB* has been adapted from Len Deighton's intriguing, alternate history novel of the same name by one of the UK's most successful writing partnerships - BAFTA Award winners **Neal Purvis** and **Robert Wade** (*SPECTRE*, *Skyfall*, and *Casino Royale*).

Set in Nazi-occupied London, the five-part thriller is based on the premise that the Germans won the Battle of Britain.

Featuring a host of acting talent, the series rapidly merges crime drama with an intriguing spy tale, a compelling love story and a conspiracy thriller with global implications.



BAFTA-nominee Riley plays Detective Douglas Archer, caught between his brutal new SS bosses and a ruthless British resistance movement as he investigates what looks like a black market-related murder.

Starring alongside him, Bosworth plays American journalist Barbara Barga, who becomes inextricably linked with the murder case that Archer is investigating.



The cast also includes Australian actress **Maeve Dermody** (*Vera*, *Marcella*, *And Then There Were None*). Sydney-born Dermody stars as the mysterious Sylvia Manning, who works for the Metropolitan Police and is romantically involved with Archer.

**James Cosmo**, known for his appearances in *Trainspotting* and sequel *T2 Trainspotting*, as well as his recent portrayal of Jeor Mormont in *Game of Thrones*, plays Harry Woods, Archer's partner at Scotland Yard.

**Jason Flemyng** (*The Missing*, *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*), **Aneurin Barnard** (*War and Peace*, *Cilla*, *Thirteen*), **Rainer Borck** (*Inglorious Basterds*, *War Horse*) and **Lars Eidinger** (*Personal Shopper*) also star in the drama.

Screenwriter **Robert Wade** says: "It constantly makes you think: "What would I have done?" This example of alternate history is particularly interesting because it's so close to what might have happened."

Screenwriter **Neal Purvis** adds: "It has a compelling moral dilemma at its heart. To what extent is our hero collaborating with the Nazis as he is helping to run the occupied country? Since the SS run Scotland Yard, is Archer in fact working for the SS? Is he fooling himself? These questions are really gripping."

**SS-GB premieres on BBC First on May 7 at 8.30pm**

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