

Media Alert



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BBC FIRST ANNOUNCES *THE LITTLE DRUMMER GIRL* TO AIR WEDNESDAYS FROM NOVEMBER 14



‘Stylish crime drama which gives *The Night Manager* a run for its money’ – Mirror

‘Pugh is quietly mesmerising in this intriguing sizzler’ – The Daily Telegraph UK

‘Director Park Chan-wook’s first TV project brings a sweeping, cinematic sensibility to the screen’ – Radio Times

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BBC First has announced the highly anticipated *The Little Drummer Girl* will air on Wednesdays from November 14 at 8.30pm. From the producers of the award-winning *The Night Manager* and based on John le Carré’s best-selling spy thriller of the same name, *The Little Drummer Girl* stars Golden Globe® winner **Alexander Skarsgård** (*Big Little Lies*), Academy Award® nominee **Michael Shannon** (*The Shape of Water*) and BAFTA nominee **Florence Pugh** (*Lady Macbeth*) and is directed by visionary filmmaker **Park Chan-wook** (*Old Boy*, *The Handmaiden*).



The Little Drummer Girl is a passionate love story and a deeply immersive thriller. As audacious now as when the book was first published, it portrays a world in which the lines between hero and villain, and between love and hate, are dangerously in flux.

Set in the late 1970s, the pulsating thriller follows Charlie (Pugh), a young, fiery but unfulfilled British actress and idealist whose resolve is tested after she meets the mysterious Becker (Skarsgård,) while on holiday in Greece. It quickly becomes apparent that his intentions are not what they seem, and her encounter with him entangles her in a complex plot devised by the spy mastermind Kurtz (Shannon).

Charlie takes on the role of a lifetime as a double agent in the 'Theatre of the Real', but despite her natural mastery of the task-at-hand, she increasingly finds herself inexorably drawn into a dangerous world of duplicity and compromised humanity. Blurring the fine lines between love and hate, truth and fiction, and right and wrong; *The Little Drummer Girl* weaves a suspenseful and explosive story of espionage and high-stakes international intrigue.

This layered and complex international thriller, from the executive producers of Golden Globe® and Emmy® award-winning series *The Night Manager* also marks the television debut of visionary filmmaker, Park Chan-wook (*Oldboy*, *The Handmaiden*). The award-winning director helms all six episodes of this landmark drama. *The Little Drummer Girl* was filmed at locations across the globe, including the streets of London and Prague and architectural phenomena such as the Parthenon on the Athenian Acropolis and the Temple of Poseidon on Greece's Attica Peninsula.

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