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UKTV ANNOUNCES AIR DATE FOR TOP OF THE LAKE

Top of the Lake, the much anticipated television series from Academy Award® winning writer/director Jane Campion and the Academy Award® winning producers of *The King's Speech*, will be shown First on Foxtel on UKTV from Sunday, March 24 at 8.30pm.

A preview of *Top of the Lake* can be seen [HERE](#)

Starring **Elisabeth Moss**, **David Wenham**, **Peter Mullan**, **Tom Wright** and **Holly Hunter**, *Top of the Lake* is a powerful and haunting mystery. Set against a vast, varied terrain - moody, pure and remote - *Top of the Lake* is a story about our search for happiness, where the dream of paradise attracts its dark twin, the fall.

Twelve year old Tui Mitcham, daughter of the local drug lord, is pulled from the freezing waters of an alpine lake in New Zealand. She is discovered to be pregnant and won't say who the father is. Then she disappears. Robin Griffin is the straight-talking detective experienced in child protection who is called in to investigate. But as Robin becomes more and more obsessed with the search for Tui, she begins to realise that finding the girl is tantamount to finding herself – a self she has kept well-hidden.

Deirdre Brennan, GM Channels and Branded Services, BBC Worldwide Australasia, said: "We are proud to present this exciting piece of television to Australian audiences. Jane Campion and Gerard Lee have created something truly unique. At its' heart, *Top of the Lake* is a gripping mystery centred on the disappearance of a 12 year-old girl. But the spectacular New Zealand setting, the richly imagined community and the women's camp led by Holly Hunter's enigmatic guru GJ, bring real depth, colour and distinction to this production."

Top of the Lake will be screening at the upcoming Sundance Film Festival. It is the first time that the prestigious festival has included a scripted long-form series in their line-up. **Genevieve Lemon** (*Sweetie*), **Robyn Nevin** – doyenne of Australian Theatre, **Robyn Malcolm** (*Outrageous Fortune*, *Rake*), **Jay Ryan** (*Offspring*, *Go Girls*) **Kip Chapman** (*The Cult*) and **Madeleine Sami** (*Super City*) are among a host of Australian and New Zealand talent to feature in the production.

Top of the Lake from See-Saw Films is co-produced by BBC Two in the UK, UKTV in Australia and Sundance Channel in the United States. The series is co-written by Jane Campion and Gerard Lee and co-directed by Campion and rising Australian director Garth Davis. The executive producers are Jane Campion, Academy Award® winners Emile Sherman and Iain Canning (*The King's Speech*, *Shame*) of See-Saw Films, and the producer is Philippa Campbell (*Rain*, *Black Sheep*) of Escapade Pictures.

Screen Australia and Screen NSW provided investment with Fulcrum Media Finance funding the New Zealand Screen Production Incentive Fund (SPIF) and the Australian Producer Offset.

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