

**CBC/Radio-Canada and Super Channel partner with the BBC
on UK/Canada co-production THE NORTH WATER,
from See-Saw Films and Rhombus Media**

***Five-part limited series starring Jack O'Connell, Colin Farrell and Stephen Graham to
premiere on Super Channel this September and on CBC/Radio-Canada in 2022***



(Colin Farrell as Henry Drax)

July 21, 2021 – CBC/Radio-Canada and Super Channel are partnering with the **BBC** to bring five-part Arctic nautical adventure **THE NORTH WATER** to Canadian audiences across the country. Commissioned by the BBC and CBC/Radio-Canada in association with Super Channel, **THE NORTH WATER** is a UK/Canada treaty co-production from Canada's **Rhombus Media** and the UK's **See-Saw Films**. Based on the critically acclaimed, best-selling novel by **Ian McGuire**, the immersive drama is adapted and directed by **Andrew Haigh** (*45 Years, Looking*) and stars BAFTA-winner **Jack O'Connell** (*Unbroken, Godless*), Golden Globe®-winning actor **Colin Farrell** (*In Bruges, True Detective*), and SAG Award-winner **Stephen Graham** (*Line of Duty, Boardwalk Empire*), together with an incredible ensemble cast that includes renowned Inuit actor **Natar Ungalaaq** (*Atanarjuat: The Fast Runner*).

THE NORTH WATER will make its first Canadian debut on **Super Channel Fuse** on **Sunday, September 19** at 9 p.m. ET with each episode available on **Super Channel On Demand** the day following its weekly linear broadcast, followed by wide release on **CBC TV, CBC Gem, ICI TÉLÉ** and **ICI TOU.TV** in fall 2022. Super Channel is available via most cable providers across

the country, as well as Amazon Prime Video channels and the Apple TV app. THE NORTH WATER will premiere in the UK on BBC Two this fall, and is streaming on AMC+ in the U.S. this summer.

“In a borderless, global entertainment marketplace, *The North Water* exemplifies our strategy to collaborate to compete by joining forces and combining resources with broadcasters and producers in Canada, the UK and around the world to bring our audiences distinct, world-class storytelling,” said Catherine Tait, President and CEO, CBC/Radio-Canada.

“We are thrilled to be collaborating with CBC/Radio-Canada and the BBC to bring this epic tale of murder, mystery and survival to Canadian audiences,” said Don McDonald, President and CEO, Super Channel.

“It has been a great pleasure to see Andrew Haigh's singular vision brought to life on screen,” notes Executive Producer Niv Fichman of Rhombus Media. “With the support of our partners at CBC/Radio-Canada and Super Channel, we were able to create an ambitious and harrowing saga we can't wait to share with Canadian audiences.”

Set in the UK and the ice floes of the Arctic in the late 1850s, the series tells the story of Patrick Sumner (O'Connell), a disgraced ex-army surgeon who signs up as the ship's doctor on a whaling expedition to the Arctic. But the ferocity of the elements is matched by the violence of his crew mates, including Drax (Farrell), a harpooner and distinctly brutal force of nature. As the true purpose of the expedition becomes clear, confrontation between the two men erupts, taking them on a journey far from solid ground and way beyond the safe moorings of civilization.

THE NORTH WATER was filmed primarily in Budapest and on the frozen seas north of the Svalbard Archipelago. The cast and production team sailed as far as 81 degrees north to film sequences in the pack ice, which is believed to be the furthest north a scripted drama series has ever filmed. While plans to shoot in Nunavut had to be curtailed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a smaller local unit in Iqaluit stepped in to properly represent and authentically capture the vastness of the Canadian Arctic.

In July 2019, the BBC and CBC/Radio-Canada announced a [commitment to collaborate](#) across a range of different areas.

A BBC and CBC/Radio-Canada original series in association with Super Channel, THE NORTH WATER is produced by See-Saw Films and Rhombus Media and distributed internationally by BBC Studios.

Executive producers on the series are Jamie Laurenson, Hakan Kousetta, Iain Canning and Emile Sherman for See-Saw Films, Niv Fichman for Rhombus Media, Jo McClellan for the BBC and writer/director Andrew Haigh. In addition, Rhombus Media's Fraser Ash and Kevin Krikst are co-executive producers and Claude Paiement is co-producer on behalf of Montreal's N63 Films. THE NORTH WATER is produced in association with the Canada Media Fund.

About CBC/Radio-Canada

CBC/Radio-Canada is Canada's national public broadcaster. Through our mandate to inform, enlighten and entertain, we play a central role in strengthening Canadian culture. As Canada's trusted news source, we offer a uniquely Canadian perspective on news, current affairs and world affairs. Our distinctively homegrown entertainment programming draws audiences from across the country. Deeply rooted in communities, CBC/Radio-Canada offers diverse content in English, French and eight Indigenous languages. We also deliver content in Spanish, Arabic Chinese, Punjabi and Tagalog, as well as both official languages, through Radio Canada International (RCI). We are leading the transformation to meet the needs of Canadians in a digital world.

About Super Channel Entertainment Network

Super Channel is a national pay television network, offering subscribers exceptional entertainment value, uncut and commercial-free, with four diverse channels – Super Channel Fuse, Super Channel Heart & Home, Super Channel Vault and GINX Esports TV Canada – plus, access to Super Channel On Demand where available by service provider.

Super Channel's mission is to entertain and engage Canadian audiences by providing a unique and exclusive entertainment experience. With a core foundation of integrity and accountability, we dedicate ourselves to implementing innovative programming strategies and unparalleled teamwork that provides viewers with exceptional value and variety.

Super Channel is owned by Allarco Entertainment 2008 Inc., an Edmonton-based media company. For a list of service providers, please visit: superchannel.ca/subscribe

About Rhombus Media

Rhombus Media is a Toronto-based production company that over the past 40+ years produced and released some 200 feature films and television projects, receiving literally hundreds of awards, including numerous Genies, Gemini's, several Emmys and an Oscar. Some of the company's more notable films are *Thirty-Two Short Films About Glenn Gould*, *The Red Violin*, *Clean*, *Enemy*, *Last Night*, *Blindness*, *Into The Forest*, *Closet Monster*, and *Hobo With A Shotgun*. *Possessor*, Rhombus' most recent film, written and directed by Brandon Cronenberg and starring Andrea Riseborough & Christopher Abbott, premiered to much acclaim at the 2020 Sundance Film Festival and was subsequently released by Neon in the US and a number of distributors worldwide.

For television, it was recently announced that Rhombus Media would be heading into production on *The Sympathizer*, a co-production with A24 for HBO, directed by Park Chan-wook based on the Pulitzer Prize winning novel and co-starring Robert Downey Jr. Andrew Haigh's *The North Water*, a co-production with See-Saw Films in the UK, starring Colin Farrell & Jack O'Connell, was released this month by AMC+ in the US, and subsequently by BBC Two and BBC iPlayer in the UK and CBC and Super Channel in Canada. Previous Rhombus series include the highly renowned *Sensitive Skin* for HBO Canada, starring Kim Cattrall & Don McKellar; and the internationally celebrated *Slings & Arrows*, an 18-part multi-award winner broadcast on TMN and Movie Central in Canada, the Sundance Channel in the US and numerous networks around

the world. Other notable television projects include *Le Dortoir*, *Pictures on the Edge*, and *Yo-Yo Ma: Inspired By Bach*, all of which received International or Prime-Time Emmy awards.

About See-Saw Films

See-Saw Films is a world leading television and film production house, founded in 2008 by Academy Award®, BAFTA and Emmy winning producers Iain Canning and Emile Sherman, with offices in London and Sydney.

See-Saw's first television series was the multi-award winning first season of Jane Campion's 'Top of the Lake'. Campion returned with 'Top of The Lake: China Girl' starring Elisabeth Moss, Nicole Kidman and Gwendoline Christie which premiered at the 2017 Cannes Film Festival and was nominated for a Golden Globe. 'State of the Union', written by Nick Hornby, directed by Stephen Frears and starring Rosamund Pike and Chris O'Dowd had its world premiere at the Sundance Film Festival 2019 and won three Emmy Awards. Recent projects include Samantha Strauss' 'The End' for Foxtel, Sky Atlantic and Showtime, starring Harriet Walter and Frances O'Connor. Upcoming projects include 'The North Water' for BBC Two written and directed by Andrew Haigh, starring Colin Farrell, Jack O'Connell and Stephen Graham; 'Slow Horses' for Apple TV+, starring Gary Oldman, Jack Lowden and Kristin Scott Thomas; a second season of 'State of the Union' written by Nick Hornby, directed by Stephen Frears and starring Brendan Gleeson, Patricia Clarkson and Esco Jouléy; 'The Essex Serpent' for Apple TV+ directed by Clio Barnard, starring Claire Danes and Tom Hiddleston; 'Heartstopper' for Netflix, directed by Euros Lyn and starring Kit Connor and Joe Locke; and 'Firebite' for AMC, to be directed by Warwick Thornton.

See-Saw produced the six-time Academy Award® nominated *Lion*, starring Dev Patel, Nicole Kidman and Rooney Mara, as well as *The King's Speech*, which was nominated for twelve and won four Academy Awards® in 2011 including Best Motion Picture. Recent projects include *Widows* directed by Steve McQueen and starring Viola Davis and Ammonite, written and directed by Francis Lee, starring Kate Winslet and Saoirse Ronan. Upcoming film projects include *Operation Mincemeat*, directed by John Madden and starring Colin Firth, Matthew Macfadyen and Kelly Macdonald; *The Unknown Man*, written and directed by Thomas M Wright, starring Joel Edgerton and Sean Harris; *The Power Of The Dog*, written and directed by Jane Campion, starring Benedict Cumberbatch, Kirsten Dunst and Jesse Plemons; and *The Son* to be directed by Florian Zeller, starring Hugh Jackman and Laura Dern.

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