

Press Release

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**PHILHARMONIA TAKES THE BATON
AT THE BIARRITZ RENDEZ-VOUS!**



Lagardère Studios Distribution is thrilled to announce the launch of the series **PHILHARMONIA** at the Biarritz Rendez-Vous 9-13 September, an international market organized every year by TV France International.

Approximately 300 international buyers will be treated to an exclusive viewing of the first two episodes of the series at the video library. (Screenopsis)

On Tuesday 11 September a themed dinner will be held in the company of producer **Rose Brandford Griffith** and series creator **Marine Gacem**. The musical evening will kick off with a string concert playing excerpts from the series' original soundtrack.

Philharmonia follows the journey to hell and back into the light of an exceptionally gifted conductor with music in her veins and a diabolical reputation. Hired against the advice of the directors and musicians, Hélène Barizet has one season to prove her worth and save the orchestra. The maestra turns to Selena Rivière, a young violin prodigy, to help her—but what insight can Hélène hand down when all she wants is to break with the past?

The concert and rehearsal scenes were filmed in the Pierre Boulez auditorium at the Philharmonie de Paris with the Orchestre National d'Ile de France (ONDIF).

PHILHARMONIA

A 6 x 52' FRANCE TÉLÉVISIONS series

Production: MERLIN PRODUCTIONS (Rose Brandford Griffith)

Co-production: FRANCE TÉLÉVISIONS (FRANCE 2)

Director: Louis Choquette

Writers: Marine Gacem, Clara Bourreau

Series creator: Marine Gacem

Music: Eduardo Noya Schreus, Etienne Perruchon

With Marie-Sophie Ferdane, Lina El Arabi, Tomer Sisley, Laurent Bateau, François Vincentelli, Jacques Weber, Charlie Bruneau, Tom Novembre, Olivier Chantreau, Guillaume Dolmans, Véronique Jannot, Audran Cattin, Marie Vincent, François Bureloup

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About Lagardère Studios Distribution:

Lagardère Studios Distribution – the distribution arm of Lagardère Studios, managed by Emmanuelle Bouilhaguet – is one of Europe's largest distributors of television programs. The catalogue of 8,400 hours spans every genre: drama (Beau Sejour, Cannabis, Transfer, Transporter – The Series, Trepalium, Hard, Dear Neighbours); documentary (Age of Tanks, Morning Glory, Women at War, The Explorers); animation ('Sonic Boom', 'Mini-Wolf', 'Xiaolin Chronicles'); feature films ('Cyrano de Bergerac', 'Le Hussard sur le Toit').

About Merlin Productions:

Created in 2000 and headed by Rose Brandford Griffith since 2015, Merlin Productions produces primetime domestic dramas and develops International Coproductions. After eight successful seasons of the family drama CLEM for TF1 (season 9 in prep), Merlin broadened its specter of development by producing the prestige miniseries PHILHARMONIA (6x52') for France 2. With many projects in development for national broadcast channels and platforms, Merlin develops further its strategy : embrace and support contemporary and future upcoming talents, explore new genres, produce innovative and premium shows for domestic and international markets.

Produced in 2017-2018 :

- PHILHARMONIA (6 X 52' - France 2) with Marie Sophie Ferdane, Lina El Arabi, Tomer Sisley, François Vincentelli and Laurent Bateau
- ON VA S'AIMER aka FAMILY AFFAIRS (8 X 52' - Saison 2 - France 2 – Fontaram Productions) with Catherine Marchal, Ophélie Kolb and Charlotte des Georges
- CLEM (10 X 52' – Saison 8 – TF1) with Victoria Abril, Lucie Lucas et Philippe Lellouche

About Lagardère Studios:

Created in 2008, **Lagardère Studios** (a Lagardère Active company) incorporates all the audiovisual production and distribution activities of the Lagardère Group.

Lagardère Studios is a key player in the creation, production, distribution and management of audiovisual content in Europe and Africa.

Its 35 companies and labels produce and distribute the best in audiovisual creative content:

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For international productions: Atlantique Productions, Kelija, Telmondis, Grupo Boomerang TV et BLive in Spain, Aito Media Group in Finland and Keewu in Africa.

For distribution: Lagardère Studios Distribution, Diffa, Editions Musicales François 1er, Telmondis Distribution, The Box.

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