

Press release

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Atlantique Productions (part of Lagardère Studios) and Portocabo announce the development of the TV series HIERRO with MOVISTAR PLUS and ARTE FRANCE.

Written by Pepe Coira, Coral Cruz and Araceli Gonda, "Hierro" is a 8x52' thriller set in Hierro, a secluded island in the Canary archipelago.

The Spanish French thriller is the first ever co-development between France and Spain for a TV series.

A hidden corpse with signs of a brutal murder is brought up to the sea surface in Hierro, a small island, of volcanic origin. Diaz, a dark local entrepreneur, is sent to prison as the main suspect. Candela, a forceful, high tempered judge, sanctioned and banished to Hierro, makes her first decision: releasing Diaz on bail. This very unpopular choice triggers the islanders' mistrust. Candela is firm in fulfilling her duty above all while Diaz is out to get the culprit, prove his innocence and find out who has set him up, no matter what it takes. They both set out on a physical and emotional trip to Hell.

Alfonso Blanco will produce for PORTOCABO and Olivier Bibas and Jimmy Desmarais for ATLANTIQUE PRODUCTIONS.

Development is under way and shooting is expected early 2018.

Olivier Bibas and Jimmy Desmarais say: « Launching a development in Spain with Movistar and Arte in France is a new exciting step for Atlantique and matches our strategy to foster new collaborations in Southern Europe. Hierro Island is a very exciting arena for a thriller and we are extremely happy to team up with Portocabo. »

Alfonso Blanco at PORTOCABO says: «I'm very happy to announce that HIERRO is moving along with first class partners like Atlantique, Movistar and Arte France; and specially to make the announcement here in Series Mania, where the project sprung to life after receiving the award at Berlinale's CoPro Series. »

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About Lagardère Studios:

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- For French TV: 909 Productions, Ango, Carson Prod, DEMD Prod, Electron Libre Productions, Fifty Cats, GMT, !dFictions, Image & Compagnie, Imagissime, Maximal Productions, Merlin Productions, and Réservoir Prod.
- For international TV: Atlantique Productions, De Père en Fils, Kelija, Telmondis, Keewu across Africa, and the Grupo Boomerang TV (Boomerang Tv International, Doble Diez, Portocabo, Veranda.Tv) in Spain.
- For formats acquisitions and distribution: Lagardère Studios Distribution, Diffa, Editions Musicales François 1er, Telmondis Distribution, and The Box.
- For corporate/digital: 909 Productions, BLive, LED, and Tempora.prod.

Lagardère Studios is a key player in the production, distribution and management of creative content. Its flagship programs for TV in France include: Caïn, Clem, Joséphine Ange Gardien, C dans l'air, Nos Chers Voisins, Jour Polaire, Tandem, Agathe Koltès, Mafiosa, Borgia, Le Grand Show, Pep's, Mille et une vies, the Monte-Carlo International Circus Festival, the Concert pour la Tolérance, Recherche appartement ou maison, the Concert de Paris, In Ze boîte, and Maison à vendre.

For TV in Spain: Accacias 38, El Secreto Del Puente Viejo, Mar de plastico, La Voz, Los Misterios De Laura, and Top Chef.

And for TV in Africa: C'est la vie and Le parlement du rire.