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Rachel Griffiths to star in new SBS drama *Dead Lucky*

Internationally acclaimed Australian actress **Rachel Griffiths** headlines the cast for new SBS crime thriller ***Dead Lucky***, which starts filming in Sydney this week.

Produced for SBS by break out independent production company Subtext Pictures, and with major production investment from Screen Australia in association with Create NSW, *Dead Lucky* follows two feuding detectives as they hunt down a killer who is leaving a trail of broken lives across Sydney...including their own.

The stellar cast includes: **Rachel Griffiths** (*Muriel's Wedding*, *Six Feet Under*, *Hilary and Jackie*) **Yoson An** (HBO Asia series *Grace*), the 2017 Heath Ledger Scholarship recipient **Mojean Aria** (*The Bronx Bull*), **Xana Tang** (*The Letdown*), **Aldo Mignone** (*A Place To Call Home*), **Anna Samson** (*Wake In Fright - The Television Series*), **Ian Meadows** (*The Wrong Girl*, *The Moodys*), **Rhys Muldoon** (*Fighting Season*, *House Husbands*), **Annie Maynard** (*Upper Middle Bogan*, *Paper Giants*), **Brooke Satchwell** (*Jack Irish*, *Wonderland*), **Simon Burke** (*Devil's Playground*), **Sara West** (*Don't Tell*, *Peter Allen: The Boy Next Door*), **Sarah Thamin** (*Hyde & Seek*), **Tessa de Josselin** (*Holding The Man*), **Lincoln Younes** (*Down Under*) with **Matt Nable** (*Jasper Jones*, *Barracuda*) and **Justine Clarke** (*Hoges*, *Red Dog: True Blue*).

Dead Lucky is a fast paced crime thriller told from multiple perspectives. Grace Gibbs (Rachel Griffiths) is obsessed with catching the armed robber who murdered her junior officer. Charlie Fung (Yoson An), her new trainee, blames Grace for the death of his best friend. Meanwhile, a share house of international students thinks that they have found paradise. A couple of greedy convenience store owners resort to deadly measures to defend their business. While on the outskirts of the city, a violent fugitive is hiding. Over one week, the paths of these characters collide, leaving two people dead and one missing...

Created and written by Subtext Pictures' Ellie Beaumont and Drew Proffitt, who are producing with Diane Haddon, *Dead Lucky* will be directed by award-winning filmmaker David Caesar. Executive producers are Sue Masters for SBS and Ellie Beaumont, Drew Proffitt, Nina Stevenson and Greg Sitch.

Rachel Griffiths said:

"I am thrilled to be starting *Dead Lucky* with world-class storytellers Ellie Beaumont and Drew Proffitt. To be able to work with our incredible crews and make content here in Sydney that can meet an international market is a dream and privilege. I am just glad I don't have to be dead to be so lucky!"



SBS Director of Television and Online Content, **Marshall Heald** said:

"*Dead Lucky* continues SBS's run of premium, thought-provoking dramas exploring social themes which resonate deeply with Australian audiences. A high-energy crime thriller through the streets of Sydney, the story of *Dead Lucky* is built on the complexities and tensions in cross-cultural relationships, and particularly delves into the experience of international students and what it means to belong in Australia.

"We are delighted to be working with the team at newly formed Subtext Pictures, who bring their impressive drama credits to this new series."

Subtext Pictures' **Ellie Beaumont** and **Drew Proffitt** said:

"We're excited to be launching Subtext and working with the brilliant Rachel Griffiths and our unbelievably talented cast and crew. We thank SBS, Screen Australia, Create NSW and DRG for backing the new showrunner-owned indie on the block."

Screen Australia's Head of Production, **Sally Caplan**, said:

"*Dead Lucky* is the third Screen Australia-supported SBS original TV drama series to go into production this year, alongside *Sunshine* and *Safe Harbour*. With the incredibly talented Ellie Beaumont and Drew Proffitt both writing and producing the series, and an exceptional cast on board, *Dead Lucky* looks set to repeat the success of *The Principal* and *Deep Water*."

Create NSW CEO **Michael Brealey** said:

"*Dead Lucky* boasts an incredibly strong team both behind and in front of the camera and we are particularly pleased to see such a diverse list of actors attached to the production. We look forward to shooting beginning in Sydney this week."

Dead Lucky is a Subtext Pictures production for SBS, with major production investment from Screen Australia in association with Create NSW. DRG is handling international distribution.

The four-part series is set to air on SBS in 2018.

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Founded by showrunners Ellie Beaumont and Drew Proffitt in 2016, Subtext Pictures is a new breakout Australian independent production company committed to making original, authored, quality drama. With 40 years combined experience in writers' rooms - taking series from pitch to broadcast - Ellie and Drew were the creators and showrunners of the award-winning hit drama *House Husbands* for its first four series. Between them they have written, script edited, produced, executive produced, created and developed hundreds of hours of television across all genres and formats with credits including *House Husbands*, *Newton's Law*, *Cleverman*, *Lockie Leonard*, *Wicked Love*, *Go Big*, *Dance Academy*, *Love is a Four Letter Word*, *The Secret Life of Us*, *Small Claims*, *Water Rats*, *Wildside*, *GP*, *Packed to the Rafters*, *The Sleepover Club*, *Blue Water High*, *Bed of Roses* and *Wicked Love*.