

Killer cast for Nine's new crime thriller *Bite Club*

Wednesday 11 October 2017: An all-star cast for Playmaker's new crime thriller *Bite Club* was announced today at Nine Network's up-fronts event. Currently in production in Sydney, *Bite Club* has attracted major production investment from Screen Australia in association with Create NSW.

In *Bite Club*, after surviving a shark attack, two detectives join forces to hunt the ultimate predator...the serial killer who is also hunting them.

The killer cast includes **Todd Lasance** (*Spartacus: War of the Damned*, *The Vampire Diaries*, *Underbelly Files: Chopper*), **Ash Ricardo** (*Offspring*, *Party Tricks*), **Damian Walshe-Howling** (*Underbelly*, *Bikie Wars: Brothers in Arms*, *Janet King*), **Deborah Mailman** (*Redfern Now*, *Offspring*), **Robert Mammone** (*Underbelly*, *Fat Tony & Co*, *Janet King*), **Pia Miller** (*Home and Away*), **Marny Kennedy** (*Wentworth*, *Janet King*), **Darcie Irwin-Simpson** (*Love Child*) and **Dominic Monaghan** (*Lost*, *The Lord of The Rings*, *X-Men Origins: Wolverine*, *Wild Things*).

The 8 x 44 minute series is being produced by [Sue Seary](#); executive produced by [Andy Ryan](#), [Jo Rooney](#), [David Maher](#), [David Taylor](#) and [Sarah Smith](#); written by [Sarah Smith](#) and [John Ridley](#); and directed by [Jennifer Leacey](#), [Geoff Bennett](#), [Wayne Blair](#) and [Peter Andrikidis](#).

Executive producers **David Taylor** and **David Maher** from Playmaker said: "With such a talented cast, and one of the best creative and production teams around, we're hugely excited to be producing *Bite Club*. We love working with Nine, and from the outset everyone involved has embraced the idea of breaking new ground with Australian crime drama."

CEO of Screen Australia **Graeme Mason** said: "*Bite Club*'s marquee cast and stunning Sydney locations promise to deliver a crime thriller series with an unmistakably Australian feel. With the exceptionally talented Playmaker producing team joining forces with such accomplished directors, this series is bound to resonate with Australian audiences and beyond, as we expect this show will also have strong international appeal."

Create NSW CEO **Michael Brealey** added: "We are delighted to play such a significant part in enabling this quality production from Playmaker through our *Made In NSW* fund, which will provide a great boost to our local economy. The impressive creative team is matched by an equally impressive cast list and we look forward to the iconic Sydney backdrop being promoted to international audiences."

Nine's Heads of Drama **Andy Ryan** and **Jo Rooney** said: "With its international all-star cast, stunning locations and gripping crime stories, *Bite Club* is set to be the freshest and most thrilling new drama of 2018. We're excited to join with Playmaker and some of Australia's leading writers, directors and actors on a new drama that promises passion, danger and above all, great entertainment."

Bite Club will premiere on the Nine Network in 2018, with Sony Pictures Television handling international sales.

About Playmaker

Playmaker was established in 2009 to produce writer-driven drama for broadcasters both locally and internationally. Principals David Taylor and David Maher are award winning and Emmy® nominated producers with extensive experience across all genres of production. Playmaker's credits include the TV Week Logie Award-winning *House Husbands* and *Love Child* for Nine Network; the highly anticipated miniseries *Friday On My Mind* and the multi award winning series *The Code* for the ABC; *The Wrong Girl* for Network Ten; *Chosen* for IQiyi; *Hiding* for the ABC; the multiplatform drama series *SLIDE* for Foxtel; and the telemovies *Wicked Love* and *Blood Brothers* for Nine Network.

Playmaker's SCRIBE program, an initiative to develop show-running talent, has produced four original commissioned drama series since it began in 2011, and the company was announced as the 'Media Super Production Business of the Year' at the 14th Annual Screen Producers Australia Awards.

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