

# MIPCOM CANNES TO HOST WORLD PREMIERE SCREENING OF CONCORDIA

Multiple Emmy®-Awarded Showrunner Frank Doelger Joins Cast for Cannes Premiere of Eagerly Awaited Surveillance Thriller



**Paris/Berlin, 7 September 2023** – MIPCOM CANNES, Beta Film and ZDF Studios have announced the world premiere of the highly anticipated surveillance drama **Concordia**, produced by Beta Film's and ZDF Studios' joint venture Intaglio Films, at the forthcoming 39th International Co-Production & Entertainment Content Market MIPCOM (October 16-19) in Cannes.

The special screening will take place on Tuesday October 17 at 18.00 in the world-famous Grand Auditorium at Cannes' Palais des Festivals and is open to all market delegates. The premiere is followed by a Q&A with multiple Primetime Emmy® Award winner, Showrunner and Executive Producer Frank Doelger (*Game of Thrones, The Swarm, John Adams, Rome*), and cast members including International Emmy® Award winner Christiane Paul (*Counterpart, In July*) and Ruth Bradley (*Ted Lasso, Humans*).

Powered by Al surveillance, **Concordia** is the town of the future and on the verge of expansion when twin catastrophes strike: the first ever murder and a hack of its Al tech. A team race to solve both crimes but, in doing so, uncover a shocking original sin that could bring everything crumbling down.

Directed by Barbara Eder (*The Swarm, Barbarians*), the world of **Concordia** is created by Mike Walden (*The Frankenstein Chronicles, U Want Me 2 Kill Him*) and Nicholas Racz (*The Burial Society, The Real Thing*).

The six-parter, produced by Intaglio Films for ZDF, France TV, Hulu Japan, and MBC is shot in English across various European locations, including Rome, Gothenburg, and Leipzig. Concordia is jointly distributed globally by Beta Film and ZDF Studios and follows their collaboration on *The Swarm*, released to critical acclaim earlier this year.

Christiane Paul stars as Juliane, the visionary behind the new utopia, together with Steven Sowah (For Jojo, Before We Grow Old), who plays her son Noah, the ambassador in charge of expanding the experiment. Ruth Bradley takes on the role of Thea, an external investigator, who joins up with Isabelle, played by Nanna Blondell (Black Widow, House of the Dragon), to uncover secrets which led to Concordia's creation. Kento Nakajima (Detective Novice, She was Pretty), one of Japan's top actors, stars as A.J., the 27-year-old Japanese wunderkind and head of the AI system that is the beating heart of Concordia. Jonas Nay (Line of Separation, Deutschland 83), Ahd Kamel (Collateral, Honour), Hugo Becker (Baron Noir, Leonardo), Joséphine Jobert (Death in Paradise, Summer Crush), Alba Beluggi (The Swarm, Into the Night), Karoline Eichhorn (Dark) and Maeve Metelka (Unorthodox) complete the main cast.

Written by Nicholas Racz, Isla van Tricht, and Mike Walden, Executive Producers alongside Frank Doelger are Ute Leonhardt, Rafferty Thwaites, Jan Wünschmann, and Robert Franke. Producers are Tobias Gerginov, Elle Raspin, Jacob Glass, and Sergio Ercolessi. **Concordia** is supported by Mitteldeutsche Medienförderung, Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg and Trentino Film Commission.

"Concordia contains all the compelling components for a MIPCOM world premiere," said Lucy Smith, Director, MIPCOM CANNES. "...a pan-European backdrop with a plot that plays to contemporary concerns, arriving with huge anticipation following the partners' success with The Swarm. It was launched first at MIPCOM last year and it's our privilege to host its World Premiere in Cannes twelve months on."

Jan Wünschmann & Robert Franke, Managing Directors Intaglio Films: "We are immensely proud to celebrate the world premiere of our exciting surveillance thriller Concordia at MIPCOM in Cannes. Building on the global success of Intaglio's first high-end series The Swarm, this new, captivating, and thought-provoking series will grant audiences a glimpse into what seems like a bold new world, where technology and its potential for abuse converge. Working alongside multiple Emmy®-awarded Frank Doelger, our Creative Director at Intaglio Films, a team of talented creatives from around the world, and our great partners ZDF, France TV, Hulu Japan, and MBC to bring this story to life has been an enormously collaborative and delightful experience."

More than 260 exhibitors from over 40 countries are confirmed to date for MIPCOM CANNES – the mother of all entertainment content markets – in 2023. Riviera exhibition halls and outdoor Croisette beach exhibition areas are sold out with a line-up comprising major studios, production and distribution groups (including All3Media International, Amazon MGM Studios Distribution, Banijay Rights, BBC Studios, BETA Film, FOX Entertainment Global, NBCUniversal International, Paramount Global Content Distribution, Federation Studios, France tv distribution, Fremantle, Global Screen, ITV Studios, The Mediapro Studio, Mediawan, Movistar+, Red Arrow Studios International, STUDIOCANAL, The Walt Disney Company, Warner Bros. Discovery and ZDF Studios amongst many others). In all, 11 000 global buyers, commissioners, creatives and producers are set to attend the world's greatest gathering of TV and entertainment executives.

MIPJUNIOR also returns to the JW Marriott at the weekend heading into MIPCOM CANNES (Oct 13-15) with a brand-new half-day pre-opening program beginning at 2pm on Friday (Oct 13).

The week-long MIPCOM CANNES conference programme helps define the TV industry year with keynotes from leading global players and thought leaders in addition to screenings of highly anticipated series and exclusive insight presentations. An overview of the Conference Programme schedule can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

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# About Intaglio Films GmbH

Intaglio Films GmbH is a production joint venture between Beta Film and ZDF Studios. The company, headquartered in Berlin, develops, finances, and produces scripted English language drama aimed at both the national and global market. Intaglio is creatively headed by multi-Emmy® Award winning producer Frank Doelger (Executive Producer on HBO's Game of Thrones, The Swarm, John Adams, and Rome). Beta Film and ZDF Studios are supporting the company with their expertise in the field of international co-production and distribution.

### **About MIPCOM CANNES**

MIPCOM CANNES leads a portfolio of markets and conferences from RX France's Entertainment Division staged for the international television distribution and production community year-round alongside MIPTV (featuring MIPDOC and MIPFORMATS), MIP CANCUN and MIPJUNIOR.

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