

***Honey* From Sid Gentle Films Set for World Premiere Screening at MIPCOM CANNES**

Acclaimed Irish actress Ann Skelly, Executive Producer Sally Woodward Gentle and Lead Writer & Executive Producer Emma Moran to Attend Special Screening of BBC and ZDF Darkly Comedic Cold War Thriller from Sid Gentle Films, Distributed Globally by FIFTH SEASON



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Cannes, France, 15 September 2026 – MIPCOM CANNES and global film and TV studio **FIFTH SEASON** today announced that *Honey*, the highly anticipated darkly comedic Cold War thriller from Sid Gentle Films, will make its world premiere at MIPCOM CANNES, becoming the latest world premiere announced for the 2026 edition of the world's largest market for television and streaming content. It is made by **Sid Gentle Films Ltd**, part of **BBC Studios**,

for **BBC iPlayer, BBC One** and **ZDF**, in association with **FIFTH SEASON**, which will distribute the series globally.

The world premiere will be held on **Monday 12 October at 18.00 in the Grand Auditorium**. Open to registered delegates, the screening will offer international buyers the first look at the new BBC and ZDF series that goes deep undercover in 1980s East Berlin to explore a shadowy world of counterespionage and risky but irresistible relations.

The screening will be followed by a Q&A with actor **Ann Skelly** (*The Nevers, The Wheel of Time*); **Sally Woodward Gentle**, Executive Producer at Sid Gentle Films; **Emma Moran**, Lead Writer and Executive Producer; and **Jennifer Ebell**, Executive Vice President, Television Distribution, FIFTH SEASON.

Honey is a smart, deadly but irresistible Cold War tale of an MI6 agent drawn into a dangerous love triangle. Martha (pronounced Marta), 24, is a deep cover agent for MI6 in East Berlin, 1982, where she explores a shadowy world of counterespionage and finds herself blind-sided by desire in a Cold War ménage-à-trois. The cast of *Honey* is led by **Ann Skelly** (*House of Guinness, The Nevers*), **Nate Mann** (*Masters of the Air, 'Licorice Pizza'*), **Jannis Niewöhner** (*'Munich: The Edge of War', 'Napoleon'*), and **Rory Kinnear** (*The Diplomat, The Lord of the Rings: Rings of Power*).

Runtime: 6 x 60'

Writers: Emma Moran (Lead Writer), Emme Hoy (Writer)

Directors: Toby MacDonald, Michelle Savill

Producer: Christopher Hall

Executive Producers: Sally Woodward Gentle, Lee Morris, Emma Moran

Production Company: Sid Gentle Films

Starring: Ann Skelly, Nate Mann, Jannis Niewöhner and Rory Kinnear

Commissioners: BBC iPlayer and BBC One (UK), ZDF (Germany)

Jennifer Ebell, EVP of Television Distribution at FIFTH SEASON, said:

"Honey has everything you want from a great series; a completely original voice, brilliant characters, sharp wit and real emotional depth, all wrapped up in a Cold War story that keeps you guessing. Emma, Sally and the team have

created something that feels genuinely fresh and surprising. It's smart, funny and incredibly hard to resist, and I'm confident audiences around the world will fall for it. We're delighted to premiere Honey at MIPCOM and bring this exceptional series to the international market."

Lucy Smith, Director of MIPCOM CANNES and MIPJUNIOR, added:

"We couldn't be more delighted to welcome Honey to Cannes for its world premiere. It's smart, surprising and hugely entertaining, with an exceptional creative team and calibre of talent behind it. Bringing the international industry together to discover standout new series is at the heart of MIPCOM, and we're thrilled that Honey will be one of those special moments this October."

The world premiere screening of Honey is open to all registered MIPCOM CANNES delegates.

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