

Crime Drama Series, PROFESSOR T: SEASON 2, Premieres September 3 on all PBS Platforms

Join Professor Jasper Tempest, played by Ben Miller, as he helps solve a series of complicated crimes with his unique insight and forensic analysis.

ARLINGTON, VA, August 17, 2023 – This September, the crime drama series **PROFESSOR T Season 2** premieres Sunday, September 3 at 8:00 p.m. ET and runs through October 15, across all PBS platforms in the US (<u>check local listings</u>). Joining Ben Miller (*Bridgerton*) as Professor T and Frances de la Tour (*Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*) as his mother is award winning actress Juliet Stevenson (*Truly, Madly, Deeply*) as therapist Dr. Helena.

PROFESSOR T will stream on all station-branded PBS platforms including <u>PBS.org</u>, and the <u>PBS App</u>, available on iOS, Android, Roku streaming devices, Apple TV, Android TV, Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Chromecast and VIZIO. **PROFESSOR T** will also be available to stream on <u>PBS Passport</u> and the <u>PBS MASTERPIECE Prime Video Channel</u>.

"PBS continues to be a destination for best-in-class dramas and we are excited that the long-awaited return of **PROFESSOR T** is finally here," says Maria Bruno Ruiz, Vice President, Program Content Strategy and Scheduling at PBS. "Throughout the season, *Professor T* and his unique crime solving team will unravel new mysteries that are full of intrigue and provide the perfect kick-off to our Sunday drama line up this fall."

"PBS Distribution is excited to be partnering with Eagle Eye Drama once again to bring another stellar season of *Professor T* to PBS and its viewers. Ben Miller is phenomenal to watch and the star studded cast draws viewers into every riveting storyline," stated Germaine Sweet, Managing Director, Content Acquisitions at PBS Distribution

"Ben Miller returns in the title role he was born to play, joining onscreen mother Frances de la Tour and his formidable new therapist played by celebrated British actress Juliet Stevenson. *Professor T* has already established itself as a firm favorite with audiences across the world, selling to over 100 territories. Season 2 promises to build on that popularity still further with its distinctive mix of clever mystery, humor, and poignancy, culminating in an explosive season finale," stated Jo McGrath, CCO of Eagle Eye Drama.

Across six episodes, the Professor and the team untangle a series of knotty crimes ranging from an unexplained fire in a student block to the mystery of an entire family found dead in their home. From the blossoming affair between the two young detectives, Lisa and Dan, to the start of an exciting new liaison for Police chief DCI Christina Brand, nothing is quite what it seems. Meanwhile, Professor T is dominated and perplexed by the women in his life. As he attempts to improve his relationships with everyone from his mother to the love of his life Christina, he takes the monumental step of seeing a therapist. His sessions with Dr. Helena are painful for the Professor and his mother as they delve deep into his past and chip away at the secrets of his childhood.



Episode 1: "Ring of Fire"

A young woman is left badly burned and in a coma after a fire in a student flat. When investigations show the victim was drugged and the fire was started deliberately, Professor T helps the police in a race against time to find who did it, before they strike again.

Episode 2: "The Mask Murders"

When a prominent barrister and his second wife are found shot dead in their home the crime scene has uncanny parallels to another double murder 15 years ago – is it a copycat killing or was the wrong man prosecuted? Meanwhile Professor T wants to help but he's in hospital with appendicitis.

Episode 3: "The Family"

Professor T is asked to decipher a macabre puzzle when a doctor and her family are found dead in a grisly tableau on their living room sofa, each having died by different means... but in what order and at whose hands?

Episode 4: "DNA of a Murderer"

An artisan baker is found dead after receiving death threats. Is it a case of revenge or is the killer closer to home? Professor T uses his criminological insight to help the police identify the murderer.

Episode 5: "The Trial"

As a major trial gets underway, Professor T presents the case to his students - it involves a caretaker accused of shooting dead his rich employer. It seems an open and shut case, but the Professor turns expert witness to prove otherwise.

Episode 6: "Swansong"

After discovering the body of an undercover police officer, in the boot of a car, the CID team blunder into a Drugs Squad operation against a major trafficker that appears to implicate one of their closest colleagues.

Returning cast members include Emma Naomi (*Bridgerton*), Barney White (*Against the Law*), Andy Gathergood (*Risen*), Sarah Woodward (*The Merry Wives of Windsor*) and Douglas Reith (*Downton Abbey*), there are also guest appearances from Miles Jupp (*Johnny English Reborn*), Alastair Mackenzie (*Andor*), Aidan McArdle (*The Duchess*), Clare Perkins (*EastEnders*), Rita Simons (*EastEnders*), and John Thomson (*Inkheart*) amongst others.

PROFESSOR T is written by Matt Baker (*Hotel Portofino*). Executive producers are Jo McGrath, Walter Iuzzolino & Dries Vos; Dries Vos (*De Dag*) serves as the director. **PROFESSOR T** is an Eagle Eye Drama Production for ITV in co-production with PBS. Beta Film handles international distribution for **PROFESSOR T**.

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and animation focused Eaglet Films.
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