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Incendo begins principal photography of the second season of *VERSAILLES*

Montreal, February 3rd, 2016 – Following resounding worldwide success of Season 1, principal photography of the second season of **VERSAILLES** commenced in Paris today, announced **Jean Bureau, CEO of Incendo**. Once again, the series is being co-produced in partnership with Capa Drama, Zodiak Fiction, Canal+, Super Channel and Super Écran. Principal photography is scheduled to end on July 12th.

Writing for the Season 2 episodes began more than six months ago and is once again being led by British showrunners David Wolstencroft and Simon Mirren. Other writers include Andrew Bampffield and Tim Loane. The series will be directed by Thomas Vincent (*The Tunnel, Borgia*) (ep.1 to 4), Mike Barker (*Broadchurch, The Tunnel, Outlander*) (ep. 5 to 7), and Canadian Louis Choquette (*19-Two; Rumours; Le Gentleman*) (ep. 8 to 10).

Leading roles include **George Blagden** starring as Louis XIV and **Alexander Vlahos** as Monsieur, the King's brother. Also returning for season 2 of **VERSAILLES** are the three Canadian actors: **Tygh Runyan**, in the role of Fabien; **Steve Cumyn** as Colbert and **Evan Williams** in the role of Chevalier.

Other recurring cast members for Season 2 include: **Stuart Bowman, Anna Brewster, Elisa Lasowski, Lizzie Brocheré** and **Maddison Jaizani**.

New to international cast for Season 2 are Canadians **Mark Rendall** (*Hannibal, Transporter*) and **Suzanne Clément** (*Mommy, Unité 9*) in the role of Madame Agathe.

VERSAILLES is an ambitious period drama created by Simon Mirren (*Without a Trace and Criminal Minds*) and David Wolstencroft (*MI-5 and The Escape Artist*) who are executive producers of the series along with Claude Chelli (*Braquo*), Anne Thomopoulos (*Rome, The Borgias* and *Camelot*) and Jean Bureau. As for Season 1, the second season of **VERSAILLES** is being produced by Canadian producer, Ian Whitehead (*Kept Woman, The Good Sister*).

Zodiak Rights holds the international rights to **VERSAILLES**.

Season 2 of **VERSAILLES** will continue to be presented on Super Channel and Super Écran in Canada.



VERSAILLES, 1671

Louis has completed the first phase of his project the building far from Paris, of the most beautiful palace in Europe where he will effectively lock up the nobility to exercise absolute control over them. Unexpectedly, his project turns against him.

Versailles is riddled with corruption. Louis has created a new civilization, where the courtesans are desperate to get close to the Sun. Behind the rules of etiquette imposed on the court, they dream of elevating their social status, wealth and power. Any and all means of doing so are utilized which inevitably results in the deterioration of morality and the spread of dangerous and poisonous behaviour...

Blinded by the love for his favorite courtesan, Madame de Montespan, Louis remains deaf to the Church's injunctions. The greatest enemy that stands before Louis is no longer the nobility, nor Guillaume d'Orange, it is God who now threatens the Sun King.



About Incendo

Incendo is a Canadian company that specializes in the production and international distribution of high quality television programming for the worldwide marketplace. Since its inception in 2001, the company has produced compelling movies, television series as well as documentaries that have been sold throughout the world. Through its joint venture with Twentieth Century Fox International Television (Fox/Incendo), Incendo is the leading television distribution company in Canada and also handles theatrical distribution in Québec for Paramount Pictures.

For more information, visit www.incendo.ca.

About Capa Drama

CAPA DRAMA is the TV fiction department of the Capa Group. It was created in 1993 with the aim of producing innovative and ground-breaking TV dramas and series.



Over the past twenty years, the company has established its own original style and identity in France... mostly by tackling fiction stories based-on reality. Its productions range from political films such as « SAC » (the French mafia and French politics) or « L'École du Pouvoir » (a famous school for future political leaders) to hard-edged police series such as « Police District » and « Braquo » (International Emmy Award for best series, 2012).

« Versailles » is Capa Drama's first internationally co-produced series. It is also Capa Drama's first venture into historical drama, maintaining the same high-end quality and ambition of its previous productions.

About Zodiac Fiction

Zodiac Fiction is a subsidiary of Zodiac Media, the leading independent in entertainment, factual, drama and kids, with over 45 production brands operating in 15 countries. Creating, producing, and selling content across all key genres and broadcast platforms, Zodiac Media owns major properties such as *Versailles*, *Occupied*, *Millennium*, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, *Wife Swap*, *The Secret Millionaire*, *The Inbetweeners*, *Totally Spies*, *Fort Boyard* and *Being Human*.

Zodiac Rights, the international rights business of Zodiac Media, boasts a growing catalogue of around 20,000 hours of content. Zodiac Rights represents both Zodiac Media programming and formats, and a substantial catalogue of third-party independent content. Zodiac Rights specialises in worldwide television and home entertainment distribution and all aspects of licensing, with highly experienced sales teams in London and Paris, offering a tailored service for producers with the benefit of scale.

Headquartered in Paris and with other key offices in London, Los Angeles, Milan, Stockholm and Moscow, Zodiac Media, majority-owned by giant Italian conglomerate De Agostini, operates across the world as a leading independent studio combining creative flair with financial strength.

About CANAL +

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