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TABOO TO AIR ON HUGE NIGHT OF DRAMA ON FOXTEL

Tom Hardy's much anticipated *Taboo* will premiere on BBC First on July 17. The episode will be simulcast on Foxtel's showcase immediately following the primetime premiere of Season 7 of *Game of Thrones*.



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The premiere will mark the first time that BBC First and showcase will simulcast the first episode of a drama across both channels.

Taboo stars **Tom Hardy** and was created by **Steven Knight** (*Peaky Blinders*) with Hardy and his father **Chips Hardy**. **Ridley Scott** is an executive producer. The series was a big hit in the UK where it was shown on BBC One, with word of mouth and social buzz bringing younger audiences to the drama in large numbers. Following an equally successful debut in the US, *Taboo* has already been commissioned for a second season.

The series is the third collaboration between Knight and Hardy who have previously worked together on *Peaky Blinders* and *Locke*.

Set in 1814, *Taboo* follows James Keziah Delaney, a man who has been to the ends of the earth and comes back irrevocably changed. Believed to be long dead, he returns home to London from Africa to inherit what is left of his father's shipping empire and rebuild a life for himself. But his

father's legacy is a poisoned chalice, and with enemies lurking in every dark corner, James must navigate increasingly complex territories to avoid his own death sentence. Encircled by conspiracy, murder and betrayal, a dark family mystery unfolds in a combustible tale of love and treachery.

In addition to Tom Hardy, *Taboo's* star-studded cast also includes **Jonathan Pryce** (*Game of Thrones*), **Oona Chaplin** (*Game of Thrones*), **Stephen Graham** (*Boardwalk Empire*), **Michael Kelly** (*House of Cards*), **Jessie Buckley** (*War and Peace*), **Tom Hollander** (*The Night Manager*), **Jason Watkins** (*W1A*), **Franka Potente** (*The Bourne Identity*), **Jefferson Hall** (*Vikings*) and **Mark Gatiss** (*Sherlock*).

Tim Christlieb, Director of Branded Services, said; “*Taboo* has been a hit in the UK and US with a broad audience and has seen a particularly strong reach with younger viewers who have been attracted by Hardy and the social media buzz. We believe that it will hold huge appeal for the *Game of Thrones* audience who may not necessarily be regular viewers of BBC First. We are delighted to be able to collaborate with showcase to maximise the audience for this enthralling show on what will be a huge night of appointment-to-view drama on Foxtel.”

Taboo is created by Steven Knight with Tom Hardy and Chips Hardy, who is also the show's consulting producer. It is produced by Ridley Scott's Scott Free London and Tom Hardy's Hardy Son and Baker. Executive producers are Ridley Scott and Kate Crowe for Scott Free, Tom Hardy and Dean Baker for Hardy Son & Baker, and Steven Knight, with Timothy Bricknell producing. *Taboo* is directed by Kristoffer Nyholm (Eps. 1-4) and Anders Engström (Eps. 5-8).

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