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Silk

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Sundays, August 25 - September 8, 2013 at 9pm ET on PBS

Series Description

A modern, fast-paced legal drama following the conflicts, passions and intrigues of criminal law, starring Maxine Peak (*Little Dorrit*) and Rupert Penry-Jones (*The 39 Steps*) as rival barristers with very different work styles. Written by Peter Moffat (*Criminal Justice*).

Episode 1

Sunday, August 25, 2013

9-11pm ET on MASTERPIECE on PBS

Barrister Martha Costello (Maxine Peak) is under pressure to win cases as she aspires to rise to the rank of Queen's Counsel, also known as "taking Silk." In an effort to boost her Silk application, Martha takes on challenging cases to prove her merit — and an ambitious student pupil (Tom Hughes). That Martha's opposing counsel in a major case is Clive (Rupert Penry-Jones), a rival barrister in her chambers, complicates matters further. Will Martha be able to satisfy both the personal and the professional demands placed on her?

Episode 2

Sunday, September 1, 2013

9-11pm ET on MASTERPIECE on PBS

As Martha defends a vulnerable teenager, the pupils are given their first opportunity to stand up in court. In a separate case, she is forced to defend a police officer accused of racism at a police tribunal. As the pressure continues to mount for Martha and the pupils, Clive receives some astonishing news which could change not only his personal life, but life at chambers for everyone.

Episode 3

Sunday, September 8, 2013

9-11pm ET on MASTERPIECE on PBS

Both Martha and Clive have their Silk interviews and Martha takes on the biggest case of her life: defending a repeat offender on a murder charge at the Old Bailey. When the case begins to fall apart, Martha struggles to remain focused as the stress on her personal life grows. All the while, the pupils' future and the fate of chambers hangs in the balance.

Silk is a BBC/MASTERPIECE Co-Production. The executive producer is Hilary Salmon. The producer is Cameron Roach. The director is Michael Offer. The writer is Peter Moffat. The executive producer for MASTERPIECE is Rebecca Eaton.

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