

## *Baptiste* On MASTERPIECE Mystery!

**French Detective Julien Baptiste of *The Missing* Returns in the Titular Role  
Spring 2020 on PBS**

One of the *The Missing*'s best-loved characters returns in *Baptiste*, a spinoff series with Tchéky Karyo reviving his role as French detective Julien Baptiste. Tom Hollander (*The Night Manager*) and Jessica Raine (*Call the Midwife*) round out the cast of the six-part crime drama, set in Amsterdam and premiering on MASTERPIECE Mystery! in Spring 2020.

*Baptiste* aired in the UK to rave reviews: "A deftly spun procedural," hailed *The Independent*; *The Metro* declared, "Tom Hollander and Tchéky Karyo are gripping in this intense crime thriller," and *The Times* wrote that "Hollander magnetizes any scene he is in."

Retired and restless, Baptiste (Karyo) is visiting Amsterdam where his daughter has recently given birth. A lunch with old flame Martha Horchner, Amsterdam's chief of police, turns out to be more than a catch-up on old times: she wants his help finding Natalie, a missing girl who is the niece of Englishman Edward Stratton (Hollander). Martha believes the case is connected to a Romanian sex trafficking gang and that it is vital to find Natalie soon.

Julien meets up with Edward and they begin their search, but it's not long before Julien realizes that all is not as it seems. Why does nobody want to talk about the missing girl? Who is the man following Julien's wife? What is the connection between the case and the transsexual brothel, whose owner has sent someone to follow them? And who is the mysterious woman who helps the sex industry girls and tells them that Natalie has run away to Germany?

As Julien starts to uncover some of the truths behind the lies, he realizes there is more to this case than meets the eye. By the time Baptiste becomes aware of the danger that he's been drawn into, his own family is in grave peril.

*Baptiste* is a Two Brothers Pictures production for BBC One, UK produced in association with all3media international. It is co-produced with Czar Film and TV with the support of BNP Paribas Fortis Film Finance, Screen Flanders and the tax shelter of the Belgian Federal Government. The writers are Jack Williams and Harry Williams. The directors are Jan Matthys, Borkur Sigthorsson. The executive producers are Christopher Aird, Harry Williams and Jack Williams. The producer is John Griffin. MASTERPIECE is presented on PBS by WGBH Boston

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