

## MASTERPIECE

### ***Flesh and Blood***

Imelda Staunton and Francesca Annis star in  
an unconventional thriller about family turmoil  
on MASTERPIECE  
Sundays, October 4-25, 2020 on PBS

#### **Series Description**

Imelda Staunton and Francesca Annis star in a juicy mystery about the perils of late-life romance. Claudie Blakley, Russell Tovey, and Lydia Leonard play the grown-up children of Annis's character. Stephen Rea is her new gentleman friend. Staunton stars as the inquisitive next-door neighbor. And David Bamber is the detective who tries to work out whether an unfortunate incident was an accident or a heinous crime. "A brilliantly intense crime thriller," judged the *London Daily Mirror*.

#### **Episode One**

**Sunday, October 4, 2020; 9-10pm ET**

When Vivien introduces Mark to her three grown children, they are suspicious. Meanwhile, their own lives are a mess.

#### **Episode Two**

**Sunday, October 11, 2020; 9-10pm ET**

Vivien and Mark grow closer, as Helen, Jake, and Natalie get progressively unhinged. Mary does some investigating.

#### **Episode Three**

**Sunday, October 18, 2020; 9-10pm ET**

As Vivien and Mark prepare for a trip to India, Jake gets a hot tip. Helen and Natalie reach crisis points with their partners.

#### **Episode Four**

**Sunday, October 25, 2020; 9-10pm ET**

Four romantic relationships spiral out of control. Mary responds to an emergency.

*Flesh and Blood* is a Silverprint Pictures production for ITV and MASTERPIECE. The series was created and written by Sarah Williams (*The Long Song*, *Case Sensitive*, *Poppy Shakespeare*). Silverprint Pictures' Creative Director Kate Bartlett (*Dark Heart*, *Shetland*, *Vera*) executive produces the series with Williams. The director is BAFTA nominee Louise Hooper (*Cheat*, *Vera*, *Cold Feet*). The producer is Letitia Knight (*Dark Heart*, *Vera*). Susanne Simpson is the Executive Producer for MASTERPIECE. Silverprint Pictures is part of ITV Studios. ITV Studios Global Entertainment distributes *Flesh and Blood* internationally.

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### **About MASTERPIECE**

Winner of 83 Primetime Emmys® and 16 Peabody Awards, MASTERPIECE has been essential Sunday night viewing for millions of fans since 1971. Susanne Simpson is the executive producer and Rebecca Eaton is the executive-producer-at-large for the series. Funding for MASTERPIECE is provided by Viking and Raymond James with additional support from public television viewers and contributors to The MASTERPIECE Trust. Presented on PBS by WGBH Boston, MASTERPIECE is known for recent hits such as *Sherlock*, *Downton Abbey* and *Victoria*, and beloved classics such as *Upstairs Downstairs*, *Prime Suspect*, *The Forsyte Saga* and *Poldark*.