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Toby Jones joins Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman in the fourth season of *Sherlock* on MASTERPIECE on PBS

Toby Jones (*Infamous*, *The Secret Agent*, *The Girl*) is confirmed to star in the fourth season of *Sherlock*, the award-winning hit drama on MASTERPIECE on PBS, produced by Hartwood Films for BBC One and co-produced with MASTERPIECE. MASTERPIECE is presented on PBS by WGBH Boston.

Jones will star in the second episode of the brand new three-part season, which starts filming today. Episode two will be directed by Nick Hurran, who was Emmy®-nominated for Outstanding Directing for a Miniseries for "His Last Vow," a season three *Sherlock* episode.

Jones said: "I'm excited and intrigued by the character I shall be playing in *Sherlock*..."

Co-creator, writer and executive producer Steven Moffat said: "Delighted to have Toby Jones on board, bringing to life one of Doyle's finest villains."

Co-creator, writer and executive producer Mark Gatiss added: "We're thrilled to welcome one of our finest actors to the *Sherlock* family. I know Toby will embrace the part with true relish!"

Sue Vertue, Executive Producer for Hartwood Films, said: "Great to have Nick Hurran back after his fabulous work in series 3 and I've been wanting to work with Toby for ages so this is a real treat."

Promising laughter, tears, shocks, surprises and extraordinary cases, it was announced last month that season four will begin with the nation's favorite detective, the mercurial Sherlock Holmes, back once more on British soil, as Doctor Watson and his wife, Mary, prepare for their biggest ever challenge - becoming parents for the first time.

Sherlock is written and created by Steven Moffat and Mark Gatiss, and inspired by the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. *Sherlock* is produced by Sue Vertue and the executive producers are Beryl Vertue, Mark Gatiss and Steven Moffat for Hartwood Films, Bethan Jones for BBC Cymru Wales and Rebecca Eaton for MASTERPIECE. It is distributed internationally by BBC Worldwide.

About MASTERPIECE

The top-rated primetime show on PBS, MASTERPIECE is celebrating its 45th anniversary in 2016. MASTERPIECE is presented on PBS by WGBH Boston. Rebecca Eaton is Executive Producer. Funding for the series is provided by Viking River Cruises and Audible with additional support from public television viewers and contributors to The MASTERPIECE Trust. MASTERPIECE is known for presenting iconic shows such as *Upstairs Downstairs*, *Prime Suspect*, *The Forsyte Saga*, *Poldark*, *Sherlock* and *Downton Abbey*.

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