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Shooting for *Sherlock*, Season 4 Begins

“We all have a past, Watson. Ghosts. They are the shadows that define our every sunny day...”

Filming has begun for the fourth season of *Sherlock*, the award-winning hit drama on MASTERPIECE on PBS produced by Hartwood Films and BBC Wales in coproduction with MASTERPIECE.

Sherlock will return to screens with three brand-new episodes promising laughter, tears, shocks, surprises and some extraordinary adventures.

Season four begins 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 challenge yet: becoming parents.

Benedict Cumberbatch said he was “genuinely thrilled to be back filming *Sherlock* with all the cast and crew. I can’t wait for everyone to see season four. But you will have to wait...though not for long...And it will be worth it.”

Co-creators, writers and executive producers Steven Moffat and Mark Gatiss say: “*Sherlock* series four - here we go again! Whatever else we do, wherever we all go, all roads lead back to Baker Street - and it always feels like coming home. Ghosts of the past are rising in the lives of Sherlock Holmes and John Watson bringing adventure, romance and terror in their wake. This is the story we’ve been telling from the beginning and it’s about to reach its climax.”

Rebecca Eaton, executive producer of MASTERPIECE on PBS says, “This is the kind of news that has our audience cheering. Along with our millions of fans, I can’t wait to see what the boys do next.”

Sue Vertue, Executive Producer, Hartwood Films says: “It’s taken a while to gather everyone together for series four but I can confidently say I think it will be well worth the wait!”

The first of the three feature length episodes will be directed by Rachel Talalay, who has worked as a director, producer, and professor in film and television for more than 25 years having previously directed *Doctor Who*, *The Flash* and *The Wind In The Willows*.

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.

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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