

Further Casting Announced for *The Child In Time* on MASTERPIECE on PBS

Kelly Macdonald, Stephen Campbell Moore, Saskia Reeves Join
Benedict Cumberbatch in Adaptation of Ian McEwan's Novel

Filming for *The Child In Time* has begun, with Kelly Macdonald (*Boardwalk Empire*, *Trainspotting*) Stephen Campbell Moore (*The History Boys*, *The Go-Between*) and Saskia Reeves (*Wolf Hall*, *Wallander*) joining Benedict Cumberbatch (*Sherlock*, *Parade's End*) in Stephen Butchard's adaptation of Ian McEwan's award-winning novel.

Produced by Pinewood Television and SunnyMarch TV for BBC One and co-produced by MASTERPIECE on PBS, *The Child In Time* is a lyrical and heart-breaking exploration of love, loss and the power of things unseen.

Set two years after his daughter went missing, *The Child In Time* follows Stephen Lewis (Cumberbatch), a children's author, as he struggles to find purpose in his life without her. His wife Julie (Macdonald) has left him and his best friends Charles (Campbell Moore) and Thelma (Reeves) have retired to the countryside, battling demons of their own. With tenderness and insight, the film explores the dark territory of a marriage devastated, the loss of childhood, the fluidity of time, grief, hope and acceptance.

MASTERPIECE's Executive Producer Rebecca Eaton said, "A beautiful book, a deeply moving script, and now a cast of first-rate British actors. What a gift." MASTERPIECE is presented on PBS by WGBH Boston.

David Boulter and Adam Ackland, Executive Producers for SunnyMarch TV said: "We are thrilled such an array of talent have joined Benedict to create *The Child In Time*, our very first SunnyMarch production."

Helen Gregory, Executive Producer for Pinewood Television said: "I'm so delighted to have such a talented cast join Benedict, Julian and the team and I'm very much looking forward to seeing them bring Stephen's script to screen."

The Child In Time (1x90') is produced by Pinewood Television and SunnyMarch TV and co-produced by MASTERPIECE for BBC One. Julian Farino is Director and Grainne Marmion is Producer. Executive Producers are Helen Gregory for Pinewood Television, Benedict Cumberbatch, Adam Ackland and David Boulter for SunnyMarch TV, Lucy Richer for the BBC, Rebecca Eaton for MASTERPIECE and Stephen Butchard. Owning 20% of SunnyMarch TV, STUDIOCANAL will provide studio services including worldwide sales. STUDIOCANAL will present *The Child In Time* to the International market at MIP TV in Cannes this week.

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About MASTERPIECE

The top-rated primetime show on PBS, MASTERPIECE celebrated 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 Cruises and Farmers Insurance® 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*, *Downton Abbey*, and *Victoria*.

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