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## BLISS (SKY ONE) BEGINS 14 FEBRUARY AFTER FILMING IN BRISTOL LAST YEAR

*Starring Stephen Mangan, Heather Graham & Jo Hartley*

BRISTOL, 13 February 2018: Brand new comedy drama *Bliss* begins at 10pm on Sky One this Valentines' Day, after shooting in Bristol last year with support from Bristol Film Office.

From acclaimed writer, director and performer David Cross (*Arrested Development*), *Bliss* features a star-studded cast including Stephen Mangan (*Episodes*, *Green Wing*), Heather Graham (*The Hangover*, *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me*) and Jo Hartley (*Eddie the Eagle*, *This is England*) and follows the complicated double life of a successful travel writer who, through extenuating circumstances, finds himself living between two families.



*Bliss* (image © Sky)

Speaking about the shoot, lead actor **Stephen Mangan** said: "I love Bristol. We shot *Dirk Gently* in Bristol, and it is a nice mixture of the gritty and the seedy. It's got a life. Its neighbour Bath is slightly too together and too perfect. Bristol's past has given it a liveliness which I really enjoy."

The six-part series filmed in Bristol in January 2017, with unit base at Church Lodge in Ashton Court. Bristol Film Office assisted filming at a range of locations, with City Hall and College Green featuring in episodes as well as long standing Italian

restaurant Sergios on Frogmore Street. Driving scenes also filmed around the city, featuring Clifton Suspension Bridge and Clifton Downs, the City Centre, Hotwells and Cumberland Basin areas. The production went on to film in nearby Weston-Super-Mare.

With two partners and two children whose existences are unknown to each other, Andrew (Mangan) lives in a state of moral crisis, as he struggles to balance his time and energies between his wife Kim (Graham) and teenage daughter Christina, while travelling back and forth across Bristol to his other family, wife Denise (Hartley) and the couples' teenage son Kris. As Andrew's worlds become ever harder to contain, so does his sanity. And he goes to increasingly drastic measures to protect the two families he loves.

Written, directed and executive produced by David Cross, *Bliss* is produced by Clelia Mountford for Merman, and executive produced by Kenton Allen and Matthew Justice for Big Talk Productions and Sharon Horgan for Merman.

*Sky Original Production Bliss airs exclusively on Sky One and NOW TV from 14 February.*

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**NOTES TO EDITORS**

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