

STARZ 'THE SPANISH PRINCESS' WRAPS FILMING AT BRISTOL'S BOTTLE YARD STUDIOS

Second and final season of hit Tudor drama completes six-month shoot

BRISTOL, 13 March 2020: The second season of Starz Limited Series *The Spanish Princess* has wrapped filming at Bristol's Bottle Yard Studios following a six month shoot.



(image courtesy STARZ)

Cameras began rolling on the eight-episode conclusion of the Tudor drama in September 2019, with returning leads Charlotte Hope (*Game of Thrones*) and Ruairi O'Connor (*Delicious*) reprising their roles as the ruling couple Catherine of Aragon and Henry VIII.

Filming took place on the show's full-scale, interconnected Tudor-era Westminster Palace sets, which stand in 30,000 sq.ft. of The Bottle Yard's Export Warehouse and Tank House 1. Production offices were also based at the Studios, as well as construction areas, stores and costume departments. Filming also took place across the region at historic locations such as Ashton Court Estate (assisted by Bristol Film Office), and Wells and Gloucester Cathedrals and Berkeley Castle.

Executive Producer Charlie Hampton says: "We have loved once again basing ourselves at The Bottle Yard Studios, which has offered us great facilities and a brilliant home for our Westminster Palace set, whilst also being perfectly located situated for the wealth of locations that the region has to offer".

Fiona Francombe, Studio Director of The Bottle Yard, says; "We have space to create entire worlds here at the Studios, as well as being a short drive from some of the most impressive historic properties and cathedrals in the UK. This, combined with the bank of skilled local crew and supportive Film Office, makes us a strong contender for period drama. It's always a particularly good feeling to attract returning series back from one season to the next. *The Spanish Princess* sets are particularly breathtaking and it has been an honour to have them here once again for season two of this fantastic international drama."

Other returning cast included Stephanie Levi-John (*Diversions*) as Catherine's trusted confidante Lina de Cardonnes, Georgie Henley (*The Chronicles of Narnia Trilogy*) as Queen of Scotland Margaret (Meg) Tudor and Laura Carmichael (*Downton Abbey*) as Margaret Pole.

The Spanish Princess season two will conclude the story of Queen Catherine and Henry VIII. Presiding over the most glamorous court in Europe and beloved by their people, together they create an England that is proud, confident and strong enough to withstand threat from abroad. Catherine's struggle to produce an heir places her marriage and position in the court at risk, and she is haunted by her choices from the past. Despite proving herself a politician, a diplomat, a national inspiration and even a military commander, Catherine must battle to save her love with the King, and to preserve the peace and prosperity of their reign.

The Spanish Princess is the third installment following the Golden Globe® and Emmy® award-nominated STARZ Original Miniseries *The White Queen* and the critically acclaimed STARZ Original Limited Series *The White Princess*. Produced by All3 Media's New Pictures and Playground, the Limited Series is drawn from the global best-selling novels, *The Constant Princess* and *The King's Curse*, written by Philippa Gregory.

Executive producing with Frost and Graham are Colin Callender (*The White Queen*, *The Dresser*, *Wolf Hall*) and Scott Huff (*Howards End*, *The White Princess*, *The Missing*) from Playground and Charlie Pattinson (*The White Queen*, *Requiem*, *The Missing 1 & 2*) and Charlie Hampton (*Shameless*, *Wild at Heart*, *Inspector George Gently*) from All3 Media's New Pictures.

The Spanish Princess season two is expected to air later this year on Starz and Amazon Prime.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

The Bottle Yard Studios

The Bottle Yard Studios is a Bristol City Council initiative. The site, which operated for more than 50 years as a former winery and bottling plant, is now an established base for film and television production in the West of England, attracting major UK and overseas productions of all sizes.

The Bottle Yard Studios has eight stages available at competitive rates, just 15 minutes from Bristol city centre. It also offers a giant green screen studio, extensive back lot, workshop areas, production offices, costume and make-up rooms, dressing-rooms, storage, private roadways and parking. On-site tenants deliver a host of services including creative, digital, technical and audio/visual expertise, grips, transport, structural, fire and safety assistance.

Productions made at The Bottle Yard Studios include: *Fortitude* (Sky Atlantic), *The Crystal Maze* (Channel 4), *Tipping Point* & *Tipping Point Lucky Stars* (ITV), *Poldark* (BBC One), *Eric, Ernie & Me* (BBC Four), *Ill Behaviour* (BBC Two), *Three Girls* (BBC One), *The White Princess* (STARZ), *Broadchurch* (ITV), *Trollied* (Sky1), *Crazyhead* (E4/Netflix), *Sherlock: The Abominable Bride* (BBC One), *The Living and the Dead* (BBC One), *Andy's Prehistoric Adventures* (CBeebies), *Galavant* (Disney/ABC Studios), *Wolf Hall* (BBC Two) and *The Lost Honour of Christopher Jefferies* (ITV).

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