



**CBS STUDIOS ANNOUNCES NEW SERIES “ZE NETWORK”,  
STARRING ACTOR DAVID HASSELHOFF FOR TVNOW (RTL) IN GERMANY**



(photo credit: Jonah Mohr)

**German Actor Henry Hübchen Will Also Star**

**Series Marks First Project Under International First-Look Agreement with Syrreal  
Entertainment**



(L-R: Sigi Kamml and Christian Alvar/photo credit: Syrreal Entertainment)

LOS ANGELES and AMSTERDAM –**March 22, 2021**– CBS Studios announced today it has entered a first-look international television agreement with Syrreal Entertainment. The first project in the partnership is the straight-to-series order of dark comedy ZE NETWORK, starring David Hasselhoff, for TVNOW (Mediengruppe RTL’s subscription video on demand platform in Germany).

Under the new pact, Syrreal and CBS Studios will focus on sourcing, acquiring and developing premium scripted content for the international market that is creatively anchored in Germany. The Berlin-based production company is headed by Christian Alvar (“Dogs of

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Berlin”, “Case 39,” “Pandorum”) and Sigi Kamml (“Dogs of Berlin,” “Sløborn,” “Free Country”).

ZE NETWORK, which was created by Alvar, is the fictional story of Hollywood actor David Hasselhoff’s new lead role in a theatre play in Germany which plunges him into the center of an international conspiracy of former cold war assassins, while around him the fabric of reality seems to break down. German actor Henry Hübchen also stars as a version of himself (is he simply an actor, or a former international spy?). Alvar is also directing the series. Series producers are Kamml, Alvar and Timm Oberwelland.

According to Syrreal CEO Kamml, who also serves as producer of the series, “Today, with all this wonderful entertainment, it becomes harder than ever to keep things interesting, so we will try to surprise people with this show. ZE NETWORK is a series with an outstanding cast and a very unusual story. I am delighted that TVNOW and CBS Studios see the potential of this project.”

Alvar added, “I’m thrilled to find myself working with partners who are ready to bring a wild, surprising and unique concept just as this into the entertainment world. I can’t wait to share with audiences the crazy ride Mr. Hasselhoff will be bravely taking on with Ze Germans.”

Hasselhoff, who serves as an executive producer on the show said, “Knight Rider was incredibly successful for both me and RTL. Returning now 30 years later to do a cutting-edge series and working with RTL again is a dream come true. The series is funny, deadly, creative and informative...simply exciting. Fact or fiction, you decide.”

Meghan Lyvers, Senior Vice President of International Co-Productions and Development, CBS Studios said, “Syrreal Entertainment is a known home for character driven, provocative storytelling, and we are so pleased to be partnering with Christian, Sigi and their team as they create new series for the global audience. ZE NETWORK promises to be an entertaining, genre-bending series which is tailor made for David Hasselhoff to star. In a time where audiences crave escapism and fun, we are thrilled to support this series with our partners at Syrreal and TVNOW.”

CBS Studios has remake and other derivative rights for the series, and ViacomCBS Global Distribution Group will handle the distribution outside of German speaking territories.

#### **About CBS Studios:**

CBS Studios (a division of ViacomCBS) is one of the world’s leading suppliers of entertainment programming with more than 70 series currently in production for broadcast and cable networks, streaming services and other emerging platforms. The Studio’s expansive portfolio spans a diverse slate of commercially successful and critically acclaimed scripted programming, genre-defining franchises including the ever-growing “Star Trek” universe, award-winning late night and daytime talk shows, and an extensive library of iconic intellectual property.

On the international front, CBS Studios develops and produces local language and international series originated outside of the US, with projects across various markets including the UK,

Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, Australia and Asia. CBS Studios most recently announced development of The Darkness in Scandinavia, and Bestseller Boy in The Netherlands for Dutch broadcaster Avrotros. CBS Studios' international productions are distributed by ViacomCBS Global Distribution Group.

**About Syrreal Entertainment:**

Syrreal Entertainment GmbH was founded in 2008 by Christian Alvarth. Together with his producing partner, Siegfried Kamml, Alvarth produces feature films for cinema & television as well as high-quality television series. In 2013, the company expanded to include producer Timm Oberwelland. Syrreal Entertainment aims to produce exceptional film productions with a high appeal for national and international audiences. The latest movies in cinemas were "Don't.Get.Out!", "Cut Off" and "Free Country". Syrreal Entertainment also produced "Dogs of Berlin" an original series for Netflix as well as the current hit drama series "Sløborn" which is available now on TV/VOD across the world.

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