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**CHERNOBYL** dramatizes the story of the 1986 nuclear accident, one of the worst man-made catastrophes in history, and of the brave men and women who made incredible sacrifices to save Europe from unimaginable disaster.

Debuting on HBO in May, the five-part miniseries stars Jared Harris ("The Crown"; Emmy nominee for "Mad Men"), Stellan Skarsgård ("Melancholia," "Good Will Hunting") and Emily Watson (Oscar nominee for "Hilary and Jackie" and "Breaking the Waves").

**CHERNOBYL** was written and executive produced by Craig Mazin ("The Huntsman: Winter's War") and directed by Johan Renck ("Breaking Bad"). Produced by Sister Pictures and The Mighty Mint as an HBO/Sky co-production. Carolyn Strauss (Emmy® winner for "Game of Thrones") and Jane Featherstone ("Broadchurch") executive produce; Johan Renck and Chris Fry ("Humans") co-executive produce; Sanne Wohlenberg ("Black Mirror") produces.

On April 26, 1986, the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine, Soviet Union suffered a massive explosion that released radioactive material across Belarus, Russia and Ukraine and as far as Scandinavia and western Europe.

Jared Harris portrays Valery Legasov, a leading Soviet nuclear physicist. As part of the response team, he is one of the first to grasp the scope of the unparalleled disaster that has occurred.

Stellan Skarsgård plays Soviet Deputy Prime Minister Boris Shcherbina, who is assigned by the Kremlin to lead the government commission on Chernobyl in the hours immediately following the accident.

Emily Watson portrays Ulana Khomyuk, a Soviet nuclear physicist committed to solving the mystery of what led to the Chernobyldisaster.

The miniseries also stars: Paul Ritter ("Lovesick") as Chernobyldeputy chief engineer Anatoly Dyatlov; Jessie Buckley ("Beast") as Lyudmilla Ignatenko, a Pripyat resident married to a firefighter on the first response team; Adrian Rawlins ("Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows") as Chernobyl chief engineer Nikolai Fomin; and Con O'Neill ("Harlots") as plant director Viktor Bryukhanov.

The cast also includes: Sam Troughton ("The Ritual"), Adam Nagaitis ("The Terror"), Barry Keoghan ("Dunkirk"), Ralph Ineson ("Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince"), Mark Lewis Jones ("Star Wars: Episode VIII - The Last Jedi"), Fares Fares (HBO's "Westworld") and David Dencik ("McMafia").

The miniseries was filmed on location in Vilnius, Lithuania, with a creative team including: director of photography Jakob Ihre ("Thelma"); production designer Luke Hull ("Howards End"); editors Jinx Godfrey ("The Theory of Everything") and Simon

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Smith ("Endeavor"); costume designer Odile Dicks-Mireaux ("Brooklyn"); casting directors Nina Gold and Robert Sterne (both two-time Emmy® winners for HBO's "Game of Thrones"); and composer Hildur Guðnadóttir ("Trapped").

