HBO/BBC drama series GENTLEMAN JACK, created, written and directed by Sally Wainwright, debuts April 22 on HBO

The HBO/BBC drama series **GENTLEMAN JACK** begins its eight-episode season MONDAY, APRIL 22 (10:00-11:00 p.m. ET/PT) on HBO. Created, written and co-directed by Sally Wainwright ("Happy Valley," "Last Tango in Halifax"), and starring BAFTA Award winner Suranne Jones ("Doctor Foster," "Save Me"), **GENTLEMAN JACK** tells the story of a woman who had a passion for life and a mind for business, and bucked society's expectations at every turn.

The series will also be available on HBO NOW, HBO GO, HBO On Demand and partners' streaming platforms. **GENTLEMAN JACK** will air in the UK on BBC One this spring.

Set in the complex, changing world of 1832 Halifax, West Yorkshire – the cradle of the evolving Industrial Revolution – **GENTLEMAN JACK** focuses on landowner Anne Lister, who is determined to transform the fate of her faded ancestral home, Shibden Hall, by reopening the coal mines and marrying well. The charismatic, single-minded, swashbuckling Lister – who dresses head-to-toe in black and charms her way into high society – has no intention of marrying a man.

The story examines Lister's relationships with her family, servants, tenants and industrial rivals and, most importantly, would-be wife. Based in historical fact, the real-life Anne Lister's story was recorded in the four million words of her diaries, and the most intimate details of her life, once hidden in a secret code, have been decoded and revealed for the series.

GENTLEMAN JACK co-stars: Sophie Rundle ("Bodyguard," "Peaky Blinders") as Ann Walker, the wealthy heiress on whom Anne Lister sets her sights as a prospective wife; Gemma Whelan (HBO's "Game of Thrones"; "The Moorside") as Anne Lister's sister, Marian; Timothy West ("Last Tango in Halifax," "Bleak House") as Jeremy Lister, the sisters' father; and Gemma Jones ("God's Own Country," "Bridget Jones's Diary") as Aunt Anne Lister.

The additional cast includes: Katherine Kelly ("Happy Valley," CINEMAX's "Strike Back") as Elizabeth Sutherland, Ann Walker's sister; Sofie Gråbøl ("The Killing," "Fortitude") as Queen Marie of Denmark; Stephanie Cole ("Waiting for God," "Still Open All Hours") as Ann Walker's aunt; Peter Davison ("Liar," "Doctor Who") as William Priestley, Ann Walker's cousin; Amelia Bullmore ("Happy Valley," "Scott & Bailey") as Eliza Priestley, William Priestley's wife; Vincent Franklin ("Cucumber," "Happy Valley") as Christopher Rawson, a businessman and fierce rival to Anne Lister; Shaun Dooley ("Gunpowder," "Broadchurch") as Jeremiah, Christopher's brother and business partner; Joe Armstrong ("Darkest Hour," "Happy Valley") as Samuel Washington; Jodhi May ("Genius," "The Amazing Mrs Pritchard") as Vere Hobart; Rosie Cavaliero ("Hold the Sunset," "Unforgotten") as Elizabeth Cordingley; Thomas Howes ("Downton Abbey," "United") as John Booth; Jessica Baglow ("Waterloo Road") as Rachael Hemingway; and newcomers Albane Courtois as Eugénie Pierre and Ben Hunter as Joseph Booth.

GENTLEMAN JACK is directed by Sally Wainwright, Sarah Harding ("Vikings," "Queer as Folk") and Jennifer Perrott ("Doctor Who"); produced by Lookout Point for HBO and BBC One; executive producers, Sally Wainwright, Faith Penhale and Laura Lankester for Lookout Point and Ben Irving for BBC One; producer, Phil Collinson.

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