

Press Release

**63rd MONTE-CARLO TELEVISION FESTIVAL
TO OPEN WITH WORLD PREMIERE SCREENING OF
THE GRAY HOUSE
FROM KEVIN COSTNER'S TERRITORY PICTURES AND MORGAN FREEMAN AND LORI MCCREARY'S
REVELATIONS ENTERTAINMENT**

Monaco, 18 April – The 63rd Monte-Carlo Television Festival, which takes place 14-18 June 2024, has today announced details of this year's **World Premiere Screening**. The limited Republic Pictures series **The Gray House** from Territory Pictures, Revelations Entertainment and Big Dreams Entertainment will open the Festival following a Red Carpet arrival and Opening Ceremony.

H.S.H. Prince Albert II, Honorary President of the Festival, will officially declare the commencement of the prestigious five-day event at the Grimaldi Forum on Friday 14 June.

Many of the stars of the limited series, **The Gray House**, will attend the glamorous event, including multiple award-winning Mary-Louise Parker (*Weeds*, *The West Wing*), Daisy Head (*Harlots*), Amethyst Davis (*Kindred*) and Ben Vereen (*Roots*), along with executive producers Leslie Greif (*Hatfields & McCoys*) and Lori McCreary (*Madam Secretary*).

The Gray House focuses on the true story of the unsung women who turned the tide of the American Civil War in favor of the North. A Virginia Socialite, her mother, a formerly enslaved Sister-in-Arms, and the city's most notorious courtesan operate deep inside the corridors of Confederate power. They transform their Underground Railroad into an effective and even more dangerous Underground Spy Network, risking life and liberty to help win the war and preserve American Democracy.

*"As a storyteller, I've always looked to history. **The Gray House** is an important American story, yet is relatable to audiences around the world because it's a true saga of sacrifice for Freedom," says **Kevin Costner**. "It is an epic spy adventure that will thrill, educate and inspire viewers. I would have liked to direct it myself, but I'm proud to be part of this project. The considerable talent of director Roland Joffé has given us a portrait of four incredibly brave women against the sweeping backdrop of war, romance, history and tragedy."*

*"At Revelations we look for stories that inspire and reveal truth," stated **Freeman and McCreary**. "**The Gray House** is just that -- the tale of four female spies who fought to keep America together during the Civil War. This true story of spy craft was almost lost to history – but in fact it was critical to the Union's victory over the Confederacy."*

Laurent Puons CEO of Monaco Mediax, comments, *"The Monte-Carlo Television Festival is a unique celebration of television from all parts of the world and continues to grow year on year. We are very proud to have such a special drama to open the 63rd edition. I am looking forward to welcoming our friends from Paramount Global Content Distribution who have been great supporters of the Festival for many years, together with the eminent producers and cast members of **The Gray House** to join us in Monaco to share the World Première of their eagerly anticipated drama with us all."*

The series also stars Paul Anderson, Ian Duff, Hannah James, Robert Knepper, Christopher McDonald, Colin Morgan, Rob Morrow, Colin O'Donoghue, Sam Trammell with Keith David. Executive producers include Kevin Costner, Morgan Freeman, Lori McCreary, Rod Lake, Howard Kaplan and Leslie Greif and the series is produced by Territory Pictures, Revelations Entertainment and Big Dreams Entertainment from Republic Pictures with distribution by Paramount Global Content Distribution.

Previous opening screenings and premieres at the Monte-Carlo Television Festival include, among others, *Harlan Coben's Shelter*, *Last Light*, *Empire*, *Absentia*, *Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan* and *L.A.'s Finest*.

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About Monte-Carlo Television Festival

Originally created by Prince Rainier III of Monaco, and now under the Honorary Presidency of H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco, the Monte-Carlo Television Festival has, for more than sixty years, presented the very best of television from around the world. The Festival has also been at the forefront in showcasing the highly talented professionals associated with many of the most successful programs in the history of the medium. Celebrities, producers, directors, writers and heads of studios, networks and digital platforms gather in June every year to attend series launches, premiere screenings, conferences, press activities, public events, VIP meetings and signing sessions. Culminating with a unique competition, which celebrates and honours fiction, news and current affairs programming with the prestigious Golden Nymph Awards, the Monte-Carlo Television Festival is recognized as one of the finest Festivals in the world, enhanced even further by its location in the magical Principality of Monaco. www.tvfestival.com

About Republic Pictures

*Republic Pictures, originally founded in 1935, is a revitalized label under Paramount Global Content Distribution. The newly branded acquisition label leverages Paramount Global's vast worldwide distribution channels, across home entertainment, streaming, television and other platforms, to distribute a wide range of acquired films. Recent Republic Pictures acquisition titles include *Blackberry* (Berlin 2023) and *Self Reliance* (SXSW 2023) as well as William Friedkin's final film *The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial* which world premiered at Venice in 2023, TIFF world premiere *The End We Start From* and 2024 Sundance world premieres *The Greatest Night in Pop* and *Rob Peace*. Republic Pictures is an acquisition-only label under Paramount Pictures.*