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**EMMY AWARD WINNER LEE JUNG-JAE  
STAR OF LUCASFILM'S SERIES *STAR WARS: THE ACOLYTE*  
TO ATTEND THE MONTE-CARLO TELEVISION FESTIVAL**

Internationally acclaimed actor **Lee Jung-jae** will attend the **Monte-Carlo Television Festival** next month, alongside the launch of **Lucasfilm's** latest live action series ***Star Wars: The Acolyte*** for **Disney+** subscribers, it was announced today by **Festival Executive Director, Cécile Menoni**.

An iconic figure in both cinema and television, **Lee Jung-jae's** latest television appearance is in ***Star Wars: The Acolyte*** where he plays a Jedi Master. This suspenseful series will premiere on **June 4th** with the first two episodes, exclusively on **Disney+**.

It was his role in the globally successful **Netflix** series ***Squid Game*** that first catapulted **Lee Jung-jae's** career to an international level. Starring as **Seong Gi-hun** (No. 456), a financially struggling father who participates in a deadly survival game, his outstanding performance earned him the **Emmy Award for Best Actor in a Drama Series**, a first for a non-English speaking actor.

This tremendous success significantly elevated the career of Lee Jung-jae, who is now considered by many as the **international standard-bearer** for a **highly creative** and **avant-garde Korean culture**.

In ***Star Wars: The Acolyte***, an investigation into a series of shocking crimes pits a respected **Jedi Master** (Lee Jung Jae) against a dangerous warrior from his past. As new clues emerge, they embark on a dark path where sinister forces reveal that not everything is as it seems...

The series also stars **Amandla Stenberg, Manny Jacinto, Dafne Keen, Charlie Barnett, Jodie Turner-Smith, Rebecca Henderson, Dean-Charles Chapman, Joonas Suotamo, and Carrie-Anne Moss**.

**Leslye Headland** created the series, based on ***Star Wars*** by **George Lucas**, and serves as an executive producer along with **Kathleen Kennedy, Simon Emanuel, Jeff F. King** and **Jason Micallef**. **Charmaine DeGraté** and **Kor Adana** are the co-executive producers. **Rayne Roberts, Damian Anderson, Eileen Shim** and **Rob Bredow** are the producers. **Headland** also directed the premiere episodes (Eps. 101 & 102). Directors **Kogonada** (Eps. 103 & 107), **Alex Garcia Lopez** (Eps. 104 & 105) and **Hanelle Culpepper** (Eps. 106 & 108) round out the directing duties on the series.

Cécile Menoni, Executive Director of the Monte-Carlo Television Festival, comments, "*We are honored that Lee Jung-jae and the Disney+ team will to join us next month alongside the launch of Star Wars: The Acolyte. The Principality is delighted to welcome such a distinguished actor and to support this unique media event. Lee Jung-jae's participation underscores the Festival's commitment to celebrating excellence in television and cinema. His presence will undoubtedly attract fans and media from around the world, providing a fabulous opportunity for attendees to meet one of the industry's most global esteemed talents.*"

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Born in South Korea, **Lee Jung-jae** began his career on the fashion runways before transitioning to the screen. Discovered by a designer, he was propelled into the modeling world before discovering the realm of acting in **1993** with the drama series ***Dinosaur Teacher***; In **1994**, he landed a role in the film ***The Young Man***, earning him the **Best Actor award** at the **Blue Dragon Film Awards**, making him the youngest actor to receive this distinction.

Lee Jung-jae went on to star in a string of successful films, including ***An Affair*** (1998), ***Asako In Ruby Shoes*** (2000), ***The Housemaid*** (2010), ***The Thieves*** (2012), ***The Face Reader*** (2013), ***Assassination*** (2015), and ***Deliver Us from Evil*** (2020). On television, he appeared in series such as ***Feeling*** (1994), ***Sandglass*** (1995), ***Air City*** (2007), and ***Chief of Staff*** (2019).

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