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STUDIOCANAL, RED Production Company, Spencer Millman, Simon Bird and Jonny Sweet to create GUILTY PARTY, a new TV and Film production company

STUDIOCANAL are pleased to announce the creation of GUILTY PARTY, a new production company in the UK, run by producer Spencer Millman, and actors and writers Simon Bird and Jonny Sweet, under the creative supervision of Nicola Shindler, executive producer and founder of RED Production Company.

After becoming a major shareholder in TANDEM (Germany) in 2012, as well as in RED Production Company (UK) in 2013, STUDIOCANAL created SAM along with Adam Price, Soren Sveistrup and Meta Foldager in 2014 and inked two co-development agreements with Svensk and Spark to work with the strongest Scandinavian creative talents. STUDIOCANAL are now pursuing their ambition to become a major European player in the production of local and international TV series with the creation of GUILTY PARTY. This move will allow STUDIOCANAL to strengthen their position in the UK. With a 25-percent share, STUDIOCANAL are joining the company as partner and will also handle worldwide distribution.

SPENCER MILLMAN is a hugely experienced Bafta winning television and film producer, who has worked with some of the biggest names in the comedy industry, producing 'Harry Hill's TV Burp', 'The Mighty Boosh', 'Bo Selecta', 'Man Down', and 'The Inbetweeners 2'.

SIMON BIRD is best known as Will from Channel 4's record-breaking, multi-award-winning sitcom 'The Inbetweeners', and the associated films, which grossed £42m and £35m at the UK box office. He also stars in Friday Night Dinner, created The King Is Dead for BBC3, and co-created Chickens for Sky1.

JONNY SWEET is an actor, writer, and performer who has starred in 'Babylon' and 'Him and Her'. He co-created Chickens for Sky1, and has recently written and starred in BBC3's new comedy series 'Together'.

NICOLA SHINDLER is Founder of RED Production Company, one of the most UK's most globally renowned and award-winning producers, whose most recent accolades include Production Company of the Year at this year's prestigious Edinburgh TV Awards. RED is the indie behind some of the UK's most popular and critically-acclaimed drama series, such as the multi-award winning 'Happy Valley', the critically-acclaimed 'Cucumber', BAFTA-winning 'Last Tango In Halifax', ratings hit 'Ordinary Lies' as well as iconic shows like 'Queer as Folk', 'Clocking Off', and 'Bob & Rose'.

Romain Bessi, STUDIOCANAL COO, CFO and Head of TV series: *"There is a fantastic opportunity for STUDIOCANAL to become the main house for European talents in TV series, so we are very happy to have Spencer Millman, Simon Bird and Jonny Sweet join our family. They bring very complementary skills and experience, so with the support of Nicola Shindler, our sales and marketing teams but also our other partners, we really believe that together we can create series that will reach a global audience. This is the beginning of a nice European journey! "*

Spencer Millman commented: *"We are hugely excited with the formation of Guilty Party Pictures and with Nicola Shindler and STUDIOCANAL behind us we cannot wait to support and promote the most exciting new and established writers and talent in the industry and make programmes we feel very passionate about."*

Nicola Shindler said: *"It is a privilege to be working with some of the funniest and most talented names in comedy and I am looking forward to developing a slate of new TV and theatrical content for UK and international audiences."*

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