

National Geographic Names Leads For ‘The Hot Zone: Anthrax’

(WASHINGTON, DC – JAN. 13, 2021) National Geographic, with Scott Free Productions and 20th Television, announced today that **Tony Goldwyn** (“King Richard,” “Scandal,” “Lovecraft Country”) and **Daniel Dae Kim** (“Hawaii Five-0,” “Lost,” “The Good Doctor”) will star in the next installment of the scripted anthology series **THE HOT ZONE: ANTHRAX**. Previously announced, Kelly Souders and Brian Peterson will return as executive producers and showrunners, focusing this season’s limited series on the harrowing anthrax attacks of 2001. Principal photography will begin this winter 2021 in Toronto.

In a timely limited series that depicts the plight and eventual triumph over a National threat, **THE HOT ZONE: ANTHRAX** takes place in 2001, just weeks after 9/11, where the United States was rocked by another deadly act of terrorism. Letters containing anthrax were sent to unsuspecting victims in Florida, Washington, D.C., and New York. The anonymous assault claimed five lives and caused panic throughout the U.S. Despite interagency turf wars and many false leads, an unlikely team of scientists, FBI agents and government departments slowly closed in on a shocking prime suspect.

“Tony and Daniel are both wonderfully versatile and dimensional actors who will bring complexity and depth to these characters,” said Carolyn Bernstein, executive vice president of scripted and documentary films, National Geographic. “We can’t wait for their star turns in this startling, authentic and timely scientific thriller.”

Goldwyn joins the series as Bruce Ivins, a brilliant microbiologist who becomes embroiled in the hunt to find the 2001 anthrax killer. While he works closely with the FBI to uncover who is behind the deadly anthrax letters, his growing instability and paranoia give way to even deeper and unnerving discoveries. An actor, director and producer, **Goldwyn** recently completed production on *King Richard* and starred in back-to-back critically acclaimed Broadway productions: Olivier Award-winner *The Inheritance* and *Network*. He gave a scene-stealing guest appearance in HBO’s “Lovecraft Country” and also co-starred in the Netflix series, “Chambers.” Additionally, he concluded his role as President Fitzgerald Grant in “Scandal” after its seven-season run.

Kim will portray Matthew Ryker, an FBI agent with a specialty in microbiology, who, just three weeks after the 9/11 attacks, risks his career to convince his superiors of the unthinkable, that the United States is under attack again. Currently **Kim** can be seen in NBC’s “New Amsterdam.” Later this year, **Kim** stars opposite Toni Collette and Anna Kendrick in Netflix’s feature “Stowaway” and in Sundance film “Blast Beat”. **Kim** also is an executive producer on the critically acclaimed series “The Good Doctor.” Previously, he starred in the film “Hellboy.” In 2006, **Kim** received a Screen Actors Guild Award for Best Ensemble for his role on the hit series “Lost.” After starring as Chin Ho Kelly in the juggernaut series “Hawaii Five-0” for seven-years.

“Tony Goldwyn and Daniel Dae Kim have such tremendous depth as actors and are the perfect duo to dive into the twists and turns of the deadly attacks that sent the country into panic,” said Souders and Peterson, showrunners and executive producers.

For **THE HOT ZONE: ANTHRAX**, Kelly Souders and Brian Peterson serve as executive producers and showrunners. Scott Free Production's Ridley Scott and David W. Zucker are executive producers, with Jordan Sheehan also serving as executive producer. Lynda Obst is an executive producer. Richard Preston is a co-executive producer on the series. The series is produced by 20th Television and Scott Free Productions.

The six-hour scientific thriller follows last year's "**The Hot Zone**," which starred Golden Globe® and Emmy® Award winner Julianna Margulies and was National Geographic's most-watched scripted series of all time. For more information, visit our press room at www.natgeotvpressroom.com and follow @NatGeoPR on Twitter.

Goldwyn is represented by CAA, Untitled, and attorneys Schreck Rose Dapello Adams Berlin & Dunham. **Kim** is represented by Brillstein Entertainment Partners and UTA as well as Gang Tyre Ramer ETC.

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About Scott Free Productions

Scott Free Productions, founded in 1995, is the film and television production vehicle of acclaimed filmmaker Ridley Scott. In the 25 years since Scott Free was formed, the company has earned over 100 Emmy nominations with 22 wins, and 28 Golden Globe nominations for its television projects. Current productions include the HBO Max sci-fi epic, **RAISED BY WOLVES**, the first-ever American television series helmed by Ridley Scott, a drama about androids raising human children in an outer space colony; **THE GOOD FIGHT**, the critically-acclaimed CBS All Access spin-off of **THE GOOD WIFE** recently ordered to season five; an inventive heist anthology series, **JIGSAW**, to shoot in 2021 for Netflix; the investigative drama series **THE BEAST MUST DIE** for U.K.'s Britbox, starring Jared Harris; and an upcoming adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic **GREAT EXPECTATIONS** for FX/BBC1. Other hailed Scott Free productions include the **THE HOT ZONE**; **THE MAN IN THE HIGH CASTLE**; **THE TERROR**; **THE GOOD WIFE**; **TABOO**; **NUMB3RS**; **THE PILLARS OF THE EARTH**; **THE ANDROMEDA STRAIN**; **THE COMPANY**; **CRIMES OF THE CENTURY**; **GETTYSBURG**; **RE: GENERATION MUSIC PROJECT**; **I AM DYING**; **CLIVE DAVIS: THE SOUNDTRACK OF OUR LIVES**; and the acclaimed Emmy-nominated National Geographic channel series of "Killing" telefilms: **KILLING JESUS**; **KILLING KENNEDY**; **KILLING REAGAN**; and **KILLING LINCOLN**.

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