

'Picnic at Hanging Rock's' Emily Gruhl to Topline Vendetta from Ryde Studios

The Australian actress has signed on for three seasons filming in the United States.

LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, May 12, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Emily Gruhl, who starred alongside 'Game of Thrones' Natalie Dormer in the Amazon series 'Picnic at Hanging Rock' last year, has signed on to star in high-concept series 'Vendetta.'

Vendetta will be helmed by acclaimed TV veteran Richard D'Alessio, best known for his directing work on the award-winning 'Shameless', 'Ray Donovan', as well as 'Jay Leno's Garage' and 'Secrets and Lies' with Ryan Phillippe. D'Alessio also produced feature film 'Prey' starring Danny Trejo ('Machete', 'From Dusk Till Dawn', 'Heat') and Nick Chinlund ('Training Day').



Emily Gruhl will start filming new TV series 'Vendetta' later this year.

Executive Producer Sean Harner, who worked with D'Alessio on 'Ray Donovan', has been developing the project for a number of years. Gruhl will play undercover LAPD detective, Patricia Quinn.

'Vendetta' is described as an explosive drama where the seductive lives of wealthy teens collide with the dangerous and unpredictable world of organized crime. When Sofia Bianco is forced to take charge of her parent's mafia empire, she struggles to balance the absurd and conflicting requirements of teen life and the dark and gritty mafia empire she now heads. In the first season, Gruhl's Patricia will attempt to bust the crime-ring from the inside, posing as the innocent new girl on campus who befriends Sofia.

The producers' commitment to three seasons underscores the emphasis on promoting female-driven content, and offers established foreign actors like Gruhl an opportunity to develop fully-fledged characters over a longer arc. Gruhl is signed on for all three seasons, including a ten-episode first year. Her high profile in Australia, coupled with the highly-anticipated release of her upcoming film projects, is said to have locked in the deal.

In addition to his film and television work, D'Alessio has earned a preeminent reputation not only as a commercial director with his four top ten-rated Super Bowl spots, but also as a creator of some of the most watched branded content series in North America. D'Alessio's television commercials have won numerous international awards including Three Lions at Cannes. While producers remain tight-lipped on the tone of the series they have cited 'Riverdale' as an influence, suggesting 'Vendetta's' all-but-guaranteed potential for lucrative brand cross-promotions for Gruhl and other cast as many CW stars enjoy.

'Vendetta' is expected to start production in August in Las Vegas, Los Angeles, New York and in other cities yet to be announced.

Gruhl is next due to be seen in Kim Farrant's feature film 'Angel of Mine', written by Oscar nominee Luke Davies ('Lion'). Farrant, whose last feature 'Strangerland' starred Oscar-winner Nicole Kidman and was nominated for the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival, assembled an all-star cast in Gruhl, Noomi Rapace ('The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo'), Yvonne Strahovski ('The Handmaid's Tale') and Luke Evans ('Beauty and the Beast') for the highly-anticipated thriller.

Gruhl also recently appeared as Anna Michaud in ABC International series 'Harrow' opposite Ioan Gruffudd ('Fantastic Four'), in a role that was shot in Brisbane, Australia. She is repped by Shanahan Management and Magnolia Entertainment.

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