

Hulu Announces Straight-to-Series Order for *The Handmaid's Tale* from MGM Television

Golden Globe® Winner Elisabeth Moss to Star in Latest Hulu Original

Based on Best-Selling Novel by Margaret Atwood

SANTA MONICA, CA (April 29, 2016) – Hulu today announced a straight-to-series order for *THE HANDMAID'S TALE*, an ongoing drama series from MGM Television based on the award-winning, best-selling novel of the same name by Margaret Atwood. The series will be created, executive produced and written by Bruce Miller (*THE 100*) with Daniel Wilson, Fran Sears and Warren Littlefield (*FARGO*) serving as executive producers. Atwood will serve as Consulting Producer for the series, which will debut its first season on Hulu in 2017. Golden Globe® Winner Elisabeth Moss (*TOP OF THE LAKE*, *TRUTH*, *MAD MEN*) is Offred, a Handmaid trying to survive in the male-dominated totalitarian regime of Gilead. Enslaved by a society that values only her fertility, Offred must find a way to survive in this world of oppression and swift, cruel punishments. Adapted from Margaret Atwood's influential and acclaimed novel, *THE HANDMAID'S TALE* is the story of life in the dystopia of Gilead, a totalitarian society in what was formerly part of the United States. Facing environmental disasters and a plunging birthrate, Gilead is ruled by a twisted religious fundamentalism that treats women as property of the state. As one of the few remaining fertile women, Offred is a Handmaid in the Commander's household, one of the caste of women forced into sexual servitude as a last desperate attempt to repopulate a devastated world. In this terrifying society where one wrong word could end her life, Offred navigates between Commanders, their cruel Wives, domestic Marthas, and her fellow Handmaids – where anyone could be a spy for Gilead -- all with one goal: to survive and find the daughter that was taken from her. "Hulu has established itself as a home for blockbuster television events and what better way to expand our originals offering than with a series based on this acclaimed, best-selling novel," said Craig Erwich, SVP, Head of Content, Hulu. "Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale* was seen as ahead of its time and we look forward to bringing it to life on our platform." "I am thrilled that MGM and Hulu are developing *The Handmaid's Tale* as a series, and extra thrilled that the very talented Elisabeth Moss will be playing the central character. *The Handmaid's Tale* is more relevant now than when it was written, and I am sure the series will be watched with great interest. I have read the first two scripts and they are excellent; I can hardly wait to see the finished episodes," said Atwood. "*The Handmaid's Tale* is a project that we have been committed to bringing to life as its story remains as powerful today as it did when Margaret first published her novel," said Mark Burnett, President, Television and Digital Group, MGM and Steve Stark, President, Television Development and Production, MGM. "*Handmaid's Tale*' has won multiple awards inspiring a film, a graphic novel, an opera, a ballet and finally, for the first time, a compellingly immersive drama series that has found the perfect home at Hulu and its star in Elisabeth Moss." *THE HANDMAID'S TALE* is produced by MGM Television and marks the first collaboration for an original series between Hulu and MGM. The series will go into production later this year and will premiere on Hulu in 2017. The series joins Hulu's growing slate of original drama series, including *THE PATH*, Hulu's newest drama series from Universal Television and Jason Katims' True Jack Productions starring Aaron Paul, Michelle Monaghan and Hugh Dancy; and *11.22.63*, an event series based on the best-selling novel from Stephen King with Executive Producer J.J. Abrams and star James Franco; *CHANCE*, a drama series from Fox 21 Television Studios based on the novel by

Kem Nunn starring Golden Globe®-winning Actor Hugh Laurie; and *Shut Eye*, a project executive produced by creator/showrunner Les Bohem (*Extant*, *Taken*) from Tri-Star Television that is currently in production with stars Jeffrey Donovan and KaDee Strickland. **ABOUT HULU** Hulu is a premium streaming TV destination that offers hundreds of thousands of hours of the best of current season programming, premium original content, films and full seasons of hit series to subscribers with limited commercials for \$7.99 per month or commercial free for \$11.99 per month. Hulu is the only streaming subscription service that offers current season content from 5 of the 6 largest U.S. broadcast networks. Since its launch in 2008, Hulu has been at the forefront of entertainment and technology and continues to redefine TV by connecting viewers with the stories they love. **ABOUT MGM TELEVISION** MGM Television is a leading producer and global distributor of premium content for television and digital platforms, with distribution rights to original productions and a robust catalog of television episodes and feature film titles including such premiere entertainment franchises as James Bond, Rocky, Stargate and “The Hobbit” trilogy. Current scripted and unscripted multi-platform projects include “Fargo” (FX); “Vikings” (HISTORY); “The Voice” (NBC); “Survivor” (CBS); “Shark Tank” (ABC); “Beyond the Tank” (ABC); “Celebrity Apprentice” (NBC); “Teen Wolf” (MTV); “500 Questions” (ABC); “The People’s Choice Awards” (CBS); “America’s Greatest Makers” (INTEL/Turner), “Coupled” (FOX) and “Lucha Underground” (The El Rey Network). Through its finance and distribution entity, Orion TV Productions, the syndicated courtroom series “Lauren Lake’s Paternity Court” is currently airing its third season. MGM television programming regularly airs in more than 70 countries worldwide. For more information, visit www.mgm.com

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