

Filming begins in Edinburgh on crowdfunded movie



Filming has begun in Edinburgh, Scotland for new psychic thriller *First and Only*.

Based on the best-selling novel of the same name by author Peter Flannery, and directed by award-winning director Magnus Wake, the film marks a welcome return to the big screen for James Robinson. He first made his acting debut as young William Wallace in *Braveheart*.

In *First and Only* James will play the ominous figure of serial killer Mal whose religious killing spree can only be stopped by Simon, a mysteriously gifted young man who has been haunted by Mal since witnessing his first murder as a boy.

Simon is played by *Waterloo Road* star Shane O'Meara who seeks assistance in his mission from hardened ex-SAS man Steve Brennus, played by well-known Scottish actor Jim Sturgeon.

In addition the cast will include; Maggie Bain, Graeme McKnight, Sandy Welch, Ian Hanmore, Shonagh Price, Kim Allan, Kenny Blyth, Kern Falconer, Pauline Turner, Sharon Young, Alisdair Hankinson, Mya Green and Corin Edgar Robert.

Speaking on set Director Magnus Wake said: "Edinburgh is the perfect location for a tense atmospheric thriller and we're delighted to have secured such a strong cast to bring Peter Flannery's best selling novel to life. The weeks ahead will be action packed as strange psychic events play out on the streets of the city."

Filming takes place across the city in everything from abandoned churches to former factory spaces ahead of an

expected Autumn 2017 release. The script is jointly adapted by Geoff Holder and Alistair Rutherford from the Amazon best-selling novel *First and Only* by Peter Flannery.

First and Only first came to prominence as a feature film that became Scotland's most crowdfunded movie in pounds raising over £50,000 (\$75,000) in November 2014.

A short film made from the crowdfunding included cast from *Outlander* and *Game of Thrones* and was accepted into the Cannes Film Festival- Short Film Corner. It has proved very successful internationally, selected for festivals in LA, London, Amsterdam and Berlin.

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