

For Your Consideration

Best Miniseries

Best Actor in a Movie Made for TV or Miniseries (Jim Sturgess)

Best Supporting Actress (Angela Bassett)

Best Supporting Actor (Alfie Allen, Freddie Highmore)



Exclusive U.S. Premiere beginning Monday, November 14, 2016

Gripping New Post-WWII Drama Series from acclaimed filmmaker Stephen Poliakoff

Silver Spring, MD – The gripping new seven-part period drama **CLOSE TO THE ENEMY** makes its exclusive U.S. Premiere on **Acorn TV** beginning **Monday, November 14, 2016**, followed by a new episode every Monday through December 26. From acclaimed filmmaker **Stephen Poliakoff** (*Perfect Strangers*, *Lost Prince*, *Dancing on the Edge*), this Acorn TV Original Series and BBC One production features an impressive ensemble cast, including **Jim Sturgess** (*Across the Universe*, *21*), **Alfie Allen** (*Game of Thrones*), **Alfred Molina** (*Spider-Man 2*), **Angela Bassett** (*American Horror Story*), **August Diehl** (*Inglourious Basterds*), **Lindsay Duncan** (*The Honourable Woman*), **Freddie Highmore** (*Bates Motel*), **Robert Glenister** (*Hustle*, *Prime Suspect*), **Charity Wakefield** (*The Player*, *Wolf Hall*), and **Charlotte Riley** (*Peaky Blinders*). Set in a bomb-damaged London hotel in the aftermath of the Second World War, *Close to the Enemy* follows intelligence officer Captain Callum Ferguson (Sturgess), whose last task for the Army is to ensure that a captured German scientist, Dieter (Diehl), starts working for the British RAF on urgently developing the jet engine. Available at Acorn.TV and on a variety of devices, **Acorn TV** is the premier streaming service for world class television from Britain and beyond from **RLJ Entertainment** (NASDAQ: RLJE).

With the emerging Cold War, it is clear to all that it's crucial for British national security that cutting-edge technology is made available to the armed forces as quickly as possible. Callum uses unorthodox methods in his attempt to convince Dieter to work with the British and eventually a friendship develops between the two men, but soon tensions arise, as all is not as it seems.

Over the course of the series, Callum encounters a number of other characters whose stories all intertwine. These characters include Victor (Highmore), Callum's younger brother, struggling to deal with psychological trauma caused by his combat experience; Harold (Molina), a Foreign Office official who reveals some startling truths about the outbreak of the war; Rachel (Riley), an enchanting Anglophile American engaged to his best friend; and Kathy (**Phoebe Fox**, *The Woman in Black 2*), a tough young woman working for the War Crimes Unit, fighting to bring war criminals who escaped prosecution to justice. Each character is trying to rebuild and move forward in the aftermath of a war that scarred them all so deeply.

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Episodes: **7** (59 mins. each)

Exclusive U.S. Premieres on [Acorn TV](http://Acorn.TV):

Nov. 24 (Thanksgiving Day): Addictive Aussie period drama **A PLACE TO CALL HOME, Season 4**

Dec. 12: British thriller **THE LEVEL** (Acorn TV Original Series)

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