

**For Your Consideration**

**Outstanding Drama Series**

**Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series – Olivia Vinall**

**Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series – Julie Graham, Sarah Woodward, Siobhan Redmond**

**Outstanding Writing – Julian Unthank**

**Acorn TV's new fun female-led mystery series**

## **QUEENS OF MYSTERY**

**World Premiere Exclusively on Acorn TV beginning Monday, April 8, 2019**



**“A surefire crowd-pleaser” -Los Angeles Times**

**“A masterpiece... The storyline is very fun, the acting is brilliant, and it is the most original mystery series that I have seen in years.” -News Talk Florida**

**“Saucy new, wickedly offbeat” -Parade**

Marking the third commission for Acorn TV, the fun new mystery series **QUEENS OF MYSTERY** makes its world premiere in the U.S. and Canada exclusively on Acorn TV beginning **Monday, April 8, 2019** with its first two-part mystery. Created by **Julian Unthank** (*Doc Martin*, *New Tricks*), **Queens of Mystery** follows a perennially single female detective (**Olivia Vinall**, *The Woman in White*) and her three crime writing aunts – the motherly Aunt Beth (**Sarah Woodward**, *The Politician's Husband*), the rebellious Aunt Cat (**Julie Graham**, *The Bletchley Circle*, *Shetland*), and the book smart Aunt Jane (**Siobhan Redmond**, *Alfresco*), that help her solve whodunit style murders, as well as set her up on blind dates. In addition to her weekly murder investigations, Mattie is also preoccupied by the fact that her mother Eleanor disappeared without a trace when Mattie was three. The wickedly offbeat contemporary murder mystery series features bold visuals, quirky characters, fast-paced dialogue and darkly comic murders. The six-part series features three two-part mysteries premiering on consecutive Mondays. Acorn TV commissioned the series from Acorn Media Enterprises (AME), the UK-based development division for the Acorn brand of RLJ Entertainment, Inc., and Sly Fox Productions. Called a **“glorious streaming service... an essential must-have”** (*The Hollywood Reporter*), **Acorn TV** is North America's largest streaming service specializing in British and international television.

**Episodes 1 & 2, *Murder in the Dark*** (Apr. 8) - Finds the newly promoted DS Matilda Stone dispatched to Hiddledean Hall to investigate a murder at the 15<sup>th</sup> Wildermarsh Crime Writer's Festival. In a crime as strange as the fiction on display, the prestigious Golden Pick Axe Award has been found buried in the head of a prize nominee, and pages from his latest manuscript have been stolen.

**Episodes 3 & 4, *Death by Vinyl*** (Apr. 15) – Gives an insight into Cat Stone's years in an 80s new wave girl band and her love affair with Nikki Holler, its lead singer. “Volcanic Youth” and their entourage have been invited to record a reunion album at an exclusive retreat not far from Wildermarsh – but it's not long before one of them is found dead in the studio... strangled with a microphone cord.

**Episodes 5 & 6, *Smoke and Mirrors*** (Apr. 22) - Focuses on a local theatre where an adaptation of one of Aunt Jane's books is being mounted. When a large sandbag falls, crushing one of the cast, Matilda works her way through her suspects – the larger than life cast and crew of the play, while her aunts do some investigating of their own, and uncover bribes and secret obsessions behind the scenes.

Also starring **Andrew Leung** (*Doctor Who*) as the dashing Dr. Daniel Lynch; **Rebecca Grant** (*Doctors*, *Holby City*) as Daniel's mean-spirited girlfriend Natasha; **Michael Elcock** as Police Constable Terry Foster who has long been in love with Matilda; and **Martin Trenaman** (*The Inbetweeners*) as the dry Inspector Derek Throne. Guest stars include **Selina Cadell** (*Doc Martin*), **Omid Djalili** (*Dickensian*), **Chu Omambala** (*Liar*), and former Bond girl **Carmen Du Sautoy** (*The Man with the Golden Gun*).

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