ALL3MEDIA SIGNS WITH FIELD DAY

ALL3MEDIA International has signed an exclusive multi-year first-look agreement with UK-based independent Field Day Productions. The partnership adds to a host of collaborations with renowned factual producers including Swan Films, Spun Gold and Parable, and comes as ALL3Media International debuts a wide-ranging slate of new non-scripted content at MIPCOM.

Field Day Productions was launched in 2016 by Sally Angel who produced the Emmy, Peabody and RTS award-winning Holocaust documentary Night Will Fall. The deal with ALL3Media International will focus on creating and developing premium non-scripted returnable content for the global market. The first title to launch through the collaboration will be Inside The American Embassy, a critically acclaimed four-part documentary for Channel 4, which gives a look behind the scenes at the US embassy in London at a pivotal moment in history.

"This partnership is part of our ongoing strategy to work with the absolute best creative talent in the industry," said Ceire Clark, senior acquisitions executive, ALL3Media International. "We will launch one of our most extensive and diverse factual programming portfolios at MIPCOM, and collaborations with companies such as Field Day are the driving force behind ensuring we continue to be the go-to distributor for premium unscripted content."

ELEPHANT and Federation Entertainment have signed a joint distribution agreement for upcoming shows produced by Elephant. This agreement corroborates Elephant’s strategy of developing co-productions and French shows aimed at the international market. Founded by Emmanuel Chain and Thierry Bizot, Elephant has become one of France’s biggest independent fiction producers. The company’s fiction slate includes: Fais Pas Ci, Fais Pas Ca (Desperate Parents/France 2); Le Tueur Du Lac (Killer By The Lake/TF1); La Stagiaire (The Intern/France 3); WorkinGirls/Canal+; and Parents Mode D’Emploi (The PIM: Parenthood Instruction Manual/France 2). The international-focused strategy is a natural evolution according to the company, following the recent arrival at Elephant of experienced fiction producer Sandra Quaissi.

The company also has a branch in Italy — Elephant Italia — which has adapted Desperate Parents for the Italian market, and an English subsidiary named Chalkboard.

SEASON one of Find Me In Paris, the live-action drama from Cottonwood Media, has been picked up by Nick UK. Sealing the deal this week were: Nickelodeon UK’s Lynsey O’Callaghan (left); Federation Entertainment’s Monica Levy; Cottonwood Media’s David Michel; ZDF Enterprises’ Katharina Pietzsch; Federation Kids & Family’s Sarah Zarka; and Nickelodeon UK’s Louise Bucknole.

“Fans delight drama series with great storytelling, intrigue and mystery, and it’s perfect for Nickelodeon.” Bucknole said. “We’ve finished shooting Season 2 and are developing Season 3.” Michel added, “We’re working on turning it into a property for licensing too.”

GOOD CALL FOR GOQUEST AND MANDARINA

GOQUEST Formats, a division of GoQuest Media Ventures, has struck a deal with Spanish company Mandarinia Productions for the street game-show format The Indiscreet Call. The deal gives GoQuest Formats exclusive worldwide distribution rights (excluding Spain, Portugal and Italy) for the 65 x 35 mins entertainment format. Created and produced by Mandarinia, The Indiscreet Call enables contestants to win money via their mobile phone and the contacts within it. The candidate must first choose six contacts from his or her phone and answer a personal question about four of them. Each correct answer makes them richer and once the participant gives four correct answers he or she has the option to put the entire winnings at stake for the bonus question which could win a cash prize of €1,000. However, one of the two remaining contacts must correctly answer a very personal question about the participant.

“Adding The Indiscreet Call to our portfolio emphasises our commitment to offer quality shows worldwide. We look forward to representing Mandarinia’s content with this exclusive deal,” said Jimmy George, vice-president sales and acquisitions, GoQuest Media Ventures.