HEIRS OF THE NIGHT

HEIRS Of The Night had its MIPJunior World Premiere TV Screening last night. It was attended by Anne Lohmann of distributor ZDFE; Sandra LeBlanc-Mariass, commissioning editor, NDR; series director Diedenk Van Rooijen; and Fleur Winters, co-CEO and producer, Lemming Film.

The 26 x 26 mins live-action series is set at the close of the 19th century when the last five vampire clans in Europe are facing extinction. If vampires are to survive, five of their young people must forget their centuries-old feuds and unite to combat Dracula and the terrifying Redmasks, and the vampire hunter Van Helsing. The five heirs train together, learning to trust each other and battle the forces of evil.

The team is led by 14-year-old Alisa von Varnalia (Anastasia Martin) who has a particular vulnerability through her connection with Dracula himself.

"Heirs Of The Night combines coming-of-age, mystery and adventure in an addictive way," said ZDFE Junior vice-president Arne Lohmann. "I am sure children all over the world will fall for our vampire kids, just as we have." This is one of the biggest Dutch drama series ever made. Written by Swedish screenwriter Maria von Heland and directed by Diedenk van Rooijen (Penoza, Daylight, Taped), the series is based on the successful German books Die Erben der Nacht. Heirs Of The Night is produced by Lemming Film (the Netherlands) in co-production with Maze Pictures and Hamster Film (Germany), and Mapp Film (Norway) for NRK and KIKA. Actors from eight countries star the series and the production language is English.