Delegates in Cannes given first sight of Hollywood's hot roster

Yesterday's inaugural MIP Drama Pre-LA Screenings Showcase marked the first time Hollywood studios have released segments of future TV content ahead of the May Screenings. During the session, Lionsgate Television's Peter Iacono unveiled a preview of what he described as one of the "best and most exciting pilots" in years. A teaser of the pilot for Ten Days In The Valley was revealed on stage. Iacono, who is president of international television and digital distribution at Lionsgate, presented the clip along with a slate of other shows due for screenings in May.

Also presenting on stage was Mark Endemano, senior vice-president and general manager of Disney Media Distribution EMEA, who unveiled clips from a number of Disney shows including a major new Marvel series, Inhumans, which will make its debut in IMAX screens globally in September.

Quartet to be honoured at Gala Dinner

Four leading media executives will receive MIPTV Medailles D'Honneur at tonight's MIPTV Gala Dinner in the Carlton hotel. They are ZDF Enterprises president and CEO Alexander Coridass, Huace Group president and co-founder Zhao Yifang, CTC Media CEO Viacheslav Murugov and Amazon Studios vice-president Roy Price. Alexander Coridass rose to become president and CEO of ZDF Enterprises in 1998. Under his leadership, ZDF Enterprises has evolved into a highly profitable and respected production and distribution group focusing on drama, factual, children/youth and entertainment programming. At the same time, ZDFE handles all programme acquisitions for the ZDF network. Zhao Yifang established Huace in 2005 and has built it into one of the biggest producers of drama series and variety programming in China. Huace-produced content accounts for more than 30% of China's top programmes, and in 2016 its shows accumulated more than 100 billion views across China's online broadcasting platforms. In recent years, Zhao's Cultural Stepping Out programme pushed Huace into partnerships with international producers and broadcasters. Viacheslav Murugov oversees the strategic development and business operations of four CTC Media TV channels, broadcasting in several countries. In addition to creating successful programming, his vision and business attributes have significantly contributed to the development of CTC Media into one of Russia's leading TV entertainment businesses. Roy Price is vice-president of Amazon Studios, where he oversees Prime Video including content licensing and acquisition, as well as all development, production and acquisition of Amazon original series and movies, such as the Golden Globe- and Oscar-winning film Manchester By The Sea, and Golden Globe- and Emmy-winning series Transparent. "It is a great honour to recognise these four exceptional industry figures, who have each, in their own way, made major contributions to the international entertainment content sector, and whose vision and leadership have set the standards in their respective fields," said Laurence Garaude, director, TV division, Reed MIDEM, which organises MIPTV.