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**Pilot Being Written by Megan Martin and Produced by John Wells Productions and Fabrik Entertainment, in Association with Warner Horizon Scripted Television and Studio T**

Turner's TNT has tapped **Niels Arden Oplev** to direct and executive-produce the pilot for *The Deep Mad Dark*, an atmospheric mystery-thriller about the complexities of friendship. The award-winning Danish filmmaker, whose credits include the original 2009 adaptation of *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* and the pilot episode of *Mr. Robot*, will direct from a script by **Megan Martin** (*Animal Kingdom*, *Cult*). *The Deep Mad Dark* is produced by **John Wells Productions** and **Fabrik Entertainment**, in association with **Warner Horizon Scripted Television** and Turner's **Studio T**. Martin serves as executive producer, along with **John Wells** (*ER*, *The West Wing*, *Animal Kingdom*, *Shameless*, *Southland*), Fabrik CEO **Henrik Bastin** (*Bosch*, *The Comedians*, *American Odyssey*) and **Kristen Campo** (*The Killing*, *The Good Guys*).

*The Deep Mad Dark* opens as Detroit neurosurgeon Polly Lewis embarks on an unorthodox study in the field of memory and trauma. Her once closest friend – the irreverent, brilliant Tash Hollander – comes home after living many years in a strange, off-the-grid community in Belize. Upon her return, Tash insinuates herself into Polly's life in audacious ways that threaten everything Polly has achieved. But why?

*The Deep Mad Dark* is a propulsive, layered mystery about an intoxicating friendship and how it leads to a brutal act of violence that drives two women in radically different ways. Set against the landscape of modern Detroit, it explores the power certain friendships have to shape who we are – in ways both beautiful and dangerous.

Oplev began his career in his native Denmark and found early success with his first feature film, *Portland*, which premiered at the Berlin International Film Festival. Over the next decade, he directed a string of award-winning features and television episodes, capped by the 2009 adaptation of Stieg Larsson's Nordic noir bestseller *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, which prompted him to move with his family to the United States for the next phase of his career.

Since coming to the U.S., Oplev has directed the pilot episodes for such series as *Under the Dome*,

*Unforgettable*, *Game of Silence* and the upcoming *Midnight, Texas*. He also directed the 2013 feature film *Dead Man Down*, starring Colin Farrell and *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*'s Noomi Rapace. And he returned to his native country to direct the unforgettable 2014 drama *Speed Walking*. Oplev most recently wrapped production on the psychological horror film *Flatliners*, starring Ellen Page, Diego Luna, Nina Dobrev, James Norton, Kiersey Clemons and Kiefer Sutherland. A sequel to the 1990 blockbuster of the same name, *Flatliners* is slated for release from Columbia Pictures in September.

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