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SBS heralds sweeping historical drama *King & Conqueror* coming soon

James Norton and Nikolaj Coster-Waldau
star as the rivals for the crown at the Battle of Hastings

Australian premiere on SBS and SBS On Demand



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SBS has secured the exclusive Australian rights to the epic historical drama *King & Conqueror*, starring **James Norton** and **Nikolaj Coster-Waldau**, and will premiere the eight-episode series on **SBS** and [SBS On Demand](#) later this year.

King & Conqueror is the story of a clash that defined the future of a country – and a continent – for a thousand years, the roots of which stretch back decades and extend out through a pair of interconnected family dynasties, struggling for power across two countries and a raging sea. Harold of Wessex and William of Normandy were two men destined to meet at the Battle of Hastings in 1066; two allies with no design on the English throne, who found themselves forced by circumstance and personal obsession into a war for possession of the crown.

The series stars Norton (*Happy Valley*, *Playing Nice*) as Harold, Earl of Wessex, Coster-Waldau (*Game of Thrones*) as William, Duke of Normandy, **Emily Beecham** as Edith Swan-neck and **Clémence Poésy** as Matilda.

The ensemble cast also features **Eddie Marsan** as King Edward, **Juliet Stevenson** as Lady Emma, **Jean-Marc Barr** as King Henry, **Luther Ford** as Tostig, **Geoff Bell** as Godwin, **Elliott Cowan** as Sweyn, **Bo Bragason** as Queen Gunhild, **Bjarne Henriksen** as Earl Siward, **Oliver Masucci** as Baldwin, **Clare Holman** as Gytha, **Elander Moore** as Morcar, **Indy Lewis** as Margaret, **Jason Forbes** as Thane Thomas, **Ingvar Sigurdsson** as Fitzosbern, **Ines Asserson** as Judith, **Sveinn Ólafur Gunnarsson** as Hardrada and **Léo Legrand** as Odo.

The series is produced by The Development Partnership, Rabbit Track Pictures, Shepherd Content, RVK Studios and CBS Studios, in association with the BBC and distributed outside of the United Kingdom by Paramount Global Content Distribution.

SBS Director of Television Kathryn Fink said: "*King & Conqueror* is a big, bold drama, with an outstanding cast delivering a compelling take on a pivotal point in European history. This epic storytelling will connect with viewers across our audiences on SBS and SBS On Demand."

Paramount Global Content Distribution SVP Client Relations Nicole Sinclair said: "We're thrilled to bring *King & Conqueror* to Australia and continue our valued relationship with SBS. This epic historical drama has captivated buyers around the world, and we're confident Australian audiences will be equally enthralled by its sweeping narrative, rich characters, and cinematic scale."

King & Conqueror is created and executive produced by Michael Robert Johnson and executive produced by James Norton and Kitty Kaletsky for Rabbit Track Pictures, Baltasar Kormákur for RVK Studios, Robert Taylor for The Development Partnership, Dave Clarke and Richard Halliwell for Shepherd Content, Ed Clarke, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, and CBS Studios' Lindsey Martin. Baltasar Kormákur directed the premiere episode and, as executive producer, steered the creative across the series.

Paramount Global Content Distribution has licensed the series in more than 100 territories and it will launch in the United Kingdom on BBC iPlayer and BBC One in August and in Australia on SBS On Demand and SBS later in 2025.

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