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Drama S4C, *Dal y Mellt*, yn ddihangfa mewn Bocs Set

Mae S4C wedi cyhoeddi bydd ei chyfres ddrama nesaf, **Dal y Mellt**, yn cael ei ryddhau fel Bocs Set ar S4C Clic a BBC iPlayer ar ddydd Sul 2 Hydref. Bydd y ddrama hefyd yn cael ei darlledu yn wythnosol o nos Sul 2 Hydref ymlaen, ond bydd modd mwynhau'r gyfres yn ei chyfarwydd trwy wyliau'n ddigidol.

Trosiad o nofel o'r un enw yw **Dal y Mellt**. Meddai awdur y nofel a'r sgrift, yr actor a pherfformiwr Iwan 'Iwcs' Roberts: "Mae pobl wedi cymharu'r gyfres hefo Peaky Blinders neu waith Guy Ritchie, ond dwi'n grediniol fod hi'n sefyll ar ei thraed ei hun, fel mellten. Mae'n ffyrnig, ffaeth a chyffrous."

Mae'n stori llawn bywyd, bwrlwm, emosiwn, dirgelwch a chyffro. Mae'r cyfarwyddwr Huw Chiswell a cynhyrchydd Llŷr Morus wedi llwyddo dod â'r cyfan yn fyw tra'n cadw'n dryw i'r nofel - gan gynnwys y tafodiaith liwgar llawn idiomau a rhegfeydd. Vox Pictures sy'n cynhyrchu.

Wrth ddilyn hynt a helynt sawl cymeriad lliwgar trwy'r llon a'r lleddf mae'n dod yn amlwg fod un ffactor grymus ac anhysbys yn uno'r criw brith - y cwestiwn mawr yw, beth?

"Dwi ddim yn meddwl fod dim byd fel hyn wedi bod ar S4C, erioed" meddai Gwion Morris Jones, actor ifanc ac addawol o Ynys Môn sy'n chwarae'r brif ran, Carbo. "Mae wedi'i gynhyrchu mewn ffordd sy'n fwy tebyg i ffilm *Hollywood*. Pryd weloch chi rhywun yn hongian oddi ar graen ar S4C ddiwethaf? Yn ogystal â *stunts*, mae 'na *gangs*, lladrata a cheir sydyn".

Yn ogystal â chymryd her actio prif gymeriad ymlaen, ac yntau "newydd raddio o'r Central School of Speech and Drama" yn Llundain, penderfynodd Gwion rhoi cynnig ar wneud ei styntiau ei hun hefyd.

"Dwi'n dipyn o foi am antur. Yn fy amser rhydd, dwi'n mwynhau mynd *bouldering*, sef dringo heb raffau a mynydda. Mi oedd gen i ddybl, Alex, ac un bore oedd o yno yn hongian ben i waered o graen mawr. Meddyliais, ella i neud hynna - felly nes i ofyn,

'Gai go?'. Os oedd angen siarad leins wrth fod *upside down*, o ni'n meddwl gwell bod *upside down* felly, i fi gael gwneud o'n iawn."

Yn gwmni i Gwion, mae cast eang ac anhygoel. Mark Lewis Jones yw Mici Ffin, Graham Land sy'n chwarae Les gyda Siw Hughes yn chware ei fam, Meri-Jên. Mae Dyfan Roberts yn dychwelyd i'r sgrin i chwarae Gronw, gyda Lois Meleri-Jones yn chwarae ei ferch Antonia ac Owen Arwyn yw ei fab Dafydd Aldo. Ali Yassine sy'n portreadu Cidw.

Yn ôl Mark Lewis Jones sy'n portreadu perchennog garej a thipyn o 'giangstar' hoffus, y cymeriadau yw calon y ddrama, ac maent yn dod a chariad â chasineb i'r stori.

"O dan y stori sy'n rhedeg dros y chwe phennod, mae'r peth pwysicaf; y perthnasau rhwng y cymeriadau a'u cefndir nhw" meddai Mark. "Mae gan bawb *backstory*."

"Mae'n gwneud y golygfeydd lot fwy diddorol, tydi nhw ddim am y plot yn unig. Ar yr arwyneb, gall pethau bach ymddangos yn ddibwys, ond tydi nhw ddim maen nhw mwy am be sy'n mynd ymlaen rhwng y cymeriadau ac sut maen nhw'n plethu gyda'i gilydd. Maen nhw'n gymeriadau Cymreig credadwy iawn."

Mae'n argoeli y bydd **Dal y Mellt** yn dod a rhywbeth ffres ac egniol i S4C ac yn cadw'r gwylwyr ar flaen eu seddi. Mae'r gyfres yn dechrau ar strydoedd cefn tywyll y brifddinas cyn symud yn ôl ac ymlaen rhwng Caerdydd, Porthmadog a'r cyffiniau, Soho yn Llundain a Chaergybi.

Gwyliwrch **Dal y Mellt** ar nos Sul 2 Hydref.

Dal y Mellt

- **Bocs Set ar S4C Clic a BBC iPlayer 2 Hydref 2022**
- **Ar y teledu nos Sul 2 Hydref, 9.00**
Isdeitlau Saesneg
Ar S4C Clic, BBC iPlayer a llwyfannau eraill
Cynhyrchiad Vox Pictures ar gyfer S4C

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New drama, **Dal y Mellt**, brings mystery and action to S4C

S4C has announced its next drama series, **Dal y Mellt** (Rough Cut), will be released as a Box Set on S4C Clic and BBC iPlayer on Sunday 2 October. The drama will also air weekly at 9.00pm from Sunday 2 October.

Dal y Mellt is an adaptation of the novel of the same name. Its author – who also adapted the script and co-produced, actor and performer Iwan 'Iwcs' Roberts said: "People have compared the series to Peaky Blinders or Guy Ritchie's work, but I don't think it's like anything you've seen before. It's like lightning. It's fierce, witty and gripping."

The story, produced by Vox Pictures, is full of emotion, mystery and excitement. Director Huw Chiswell and producer Llŷr Morus have kept true to the novel - including the charismatic dialect full of Welsh idioms and colourful language.

Whilst following several characters through some surreal situations it becomes clear that there is one powerful and unknown force bringing the motley crew together - the big question is, what?

"I don't think anything similar has been on S4C" says Gwion Morris Jones, a young and promising actor from Anglesey who plays lead role, Carbo. "The way it's been produced is more like a Hollywood movie. When did you last see someone hanging upside down from a crane on S4C? As well as stunts, there's gangs, theft and fast cars!".

Not only did Gwion take on the challenge of a main part, having "just graduated from the Central School of Speech and Drama" in London, he performed his own stunts too.

"I'm a bit of a thrill seeker. In my free time I enjoy bouldering, which is climbing without ropes, as well as mountaineering. I had a stunt double, Alex, and one morning he was hanging from a big crane. I thought 'I can do that', so I went ahead and gave it a go. If I had to deliver lines pretending to be upside down, I wanted to be hanging upside down so I could do it properly."

Gwion is accompanied by an amazing cast to bring it all to life. Mark Lewis Jones plays Mici Ffin, Graham Land plays Les with Siw Hughes playing his mother, Meri-Jên. Dyfan

Roberts returns to the screen to play Gronw, with Lois Meleri-Jones playing his daughter Antonia and Owen Arwyn as his son Dafydd Aldo. Ali Yassine portrays Cidw.

According to Mark Lewis Jones who plays the owner of a garage and a lovable rogue, the characters are the heart of the drama and bring equal amounts of love and hate.

"Beneath the story that runs through the six episodes is the most important thing; the relationships between the characters and their background" says Mark. "Everyone has a backstory."

"It makes the scenes a lot more interesting because they're not just about the plot. On the surface, little things may seem trivial, but they're actually crucial to finding out what's going on between the characters and how they are linked. The characters really resonate as people you would come across in a Welsh town."

Dal y Mellt promises to bring something fresh and energetic to S4C whilst keeping viewers on the edge of their seats. The series starts out on the dark back streets of Cardiff then moves back and forth between Cardiff, Soho, Porthmadog and surrounding areas and Holyhead.

Watch **Dal y Mellt** from Sunday 2 October.

Dal y Mellt

- **Box Set on S4C Clic and BBC iPlayer 2 October 2022**
- **On TV Sunday 2 October, 9.00pm**
English subtitles available
On S4C Clic, BBC iPlayer and other platforms
A Vox Pictures production for S4C