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STV Studios wins three BBC recommissions

BBC Daytime has commissioned new series of hit antiques programmes *Antiques Road Trip*, *Celebrity Antiques Road Trip* and *The Travelling Auctioneers* from production company STV Studios, in an order totalling 56 episodes.

An afternoon stalwart since its launch in 2010, *Antiques Road Trip* has been recommissioned for a 29th series on BBC One (20 x 45'), while a 13th series of sister show *Celebrity Antiques Road Trip* will air in primetime on BBC Two (16 x 45').

Production has already begun on a third 20-episode series of *The Travelling Auctioneers*. Launched in 2022, the show sees auctioneering experts join forces with masters of restoration to uncover neglected treasures in family homes which, with a little bit of TLC, can be turned into winning lots at auction. *The Travelling Auctioneers* was named Best Daytime Show at the RTS Scotland Programme Awards 2023.

Muslim Alim, Commissioning Editor for BBC Daytime and Early Peak, said: "Get ready for a treasure trove of entertainment! With their long track record, we're thrilled to be working with STV Studios on these returning hit series.

"All three of them promise to deliver more riveting journeys from across the UK as experts hunt for, restore, and auction off unique finds."

Craig Hunter, Creative Director of Factual at STV Studios, said: "I'm delighted with the ongoing success of these returning STV Studios formats. This order is a testament to the BBC's commitment to the Nations and I couldn't be prouder of the hard-working teams that continue to deliver a fresh twist on these much-loved brands."

The BBC's order is the latest of several major commissions for STV Studios. So far this year, the production company has received its first commission for Netflix (three-part drama series, *The Witness*) and a 40-episode order of its *Auction House* franchise for Really, while STV Studios label, Two Cities Television, has been commissioned to produce five-part drama, *Amadeus*, for Sky. Hit STV Studios quiz show format, *Bridge of Lies*, has also been sold to US broadcaster Game Show Network, in a bumper order of 100 episodes.

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About STV Studios

STV Studios is one of the UK's leading producers of scripted and unscripted content and Scotland's biggest production group. Led by David Mortimer, the group has an impressive track record of success across drama, entertainment and factual, working with the world's biggest broadcasters and streamers including Apple TV+, Netflix, BBC, Channel 4, Channel 5, ITV, Sky and Warner Bros. Discovery.

STV Studios was named Production Group of the Year at the prestigious Edinburgh TV Awards in 2023. In July 2023, STV acquired Greenbird Media's expansive network of independent production companies, significantly increasing the number of creative labels in the STV Studios family.

STV Studios' in-house drama, entertainment and factual teams have produced hundreds of hours of critically-acclaimed, conversation-starting television, including Apple TV+ thriller *Criminal Record* (a co-production with Tod Productions); BAFTA and International Emmy award-winning TV film *Elizabeth Is Missing* (BBC One); nail-biting quiz format *Bridge of Lies* for the BBC in the UK and sold internationally; iconic Saturday night gameshow *Catchphrase* (ITV); and a number of much-loved auction-based series including *The Yorkshire Auction House* for Warner Bros. Discovery and long-running BBC daytime hit, *Antiques Road Trip*.

Recent successes for labels within the STV Studios family include Two Cities TV's gripping police drama *Blue Lights* for BBC One; headline-making Channel 4 comedy chat show *Late Night Lycett* (Rumpus Media); hit international format *LEGO Masters* (Tuesday's Child), which has aired in 20 territories across the globe; and Primal Media reality series *The Underdog: Josh Must Win* for E4, which is also being adapted for US audiences as part of a development deal with NBCUniversal.

A number of exciting new productions are coming soon, including three-part Netflix series *The Witness* (STV Studios Drama); Mozart biopic *Amadeus* for Sky (Two Cities TV); and entertainment event *The Fortune Hotel* for ITV (Tuesday's Child).

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