

MipTV: Spanish 'Locked-Up' Jail Thriller Clinches U.K. Sale

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U.K.'s All Four Secures Rights To Acclaimed 'Locked Up'

The new U.K. foreign-language drama video-streaming brand Walter Presents has secured rights to acclaimed Spanish women prison survival drama-thriller “Locked Up” (“Vis a Vis”), one of the standout series to have recently come out of Spain.

The prime example to date of the cable edge which select Spanish dramas are now acquiring, despite playing free-to-air primetime, “Locked Up” bowed to a spectacular 22.4% and 4.3 million viewers on Spain’s **Antena 3** punching an average 19-9% and 3.5 million, nearly seven percentage points above channel average. “A small step for man, a large step for Spanish television,” one review read.

Worldwide sales on “Locked Up” are handled by Madrid-based film and TV rights distributor Imagina International Sales part of the Mediapro group.

An 11-part x 75-minute format, “Locked Up” will be the first Spanish series to be launched on the new service Walter Presents –formerly announced as 4 World Drama.

Striking inevitable comparisons in Spain with “Orange is the New Black” though very much its own series and with much more of an action edge, “Locked” follows young Macarena Ferreiro (Maggie Civantos), who is framed by her lover and boss for corporate fraud. She ends up in the Cruz del Sur jail, surrounded by ruthless criminals. When her only friend and cell mate ends up brutally killed, Macarena becomes implicated in a multimillion hold-up that could turn her life around. Cast also features Najwa Nimri, Carlos Hipolito.

A higher-octane prison drama-thriller laced with dark humor, “Locked Up” bowed on Antena 3 and is produced by Globomedia.

Series punched record ratings of 4.3M viewers and a 22.4% share. A second season is now airing in Spain, kicking off with several inmates staging a prison breakout.

“Locked Up” took major TV drama kudos in Spain at the Ondas, *Fotogramas* and Spanish Actors’ Union awards.

At **MipTV**, Spain’s foremost TV fiction sales company Imagina International Sales is also selling drama-thriller “Night and Day,” medical drama “The Waiting List,” and thriller “Black Forest.”

Walter Presents was launched in January after an agreement between Global Series Network (GSN) and Channel 4 and is exclusively available in the U.K. via Channel 4’s new digital platform, All 4. It offers 600 hours a year of high-quality non-English language TV skeins from all over the world. Platform gets its name from Walter Iuzzolino, the curator of the service.