



PRESS RELEASE

## Sir Christopher Meyer explores the global **NETWORK OF POWER**

*6 x 60' exclusively for Sky Atlantic HD*

**Sky Atlantic HD** today (Thursday 27 October, 2011) announces **NETWORK OF POWER**, a landmark documentary series presented by **Sir Christopher Meyer**, exploring how subtle relationships of power operate in key cities across the globe. City by city the series will uncover the unlikely, and often surprising, truth about exactly who really has the most power and influence and the networks that these power brokers form.

**Sir Christopher** – formerly Britain's ambassador to the United States and a major authority on international affairs – has unique access to the corridors of power and the people that matter around the globe. With a top diplomat's understanding of how to interpret foreign elites, **Sir Christopher** will dig beneath the public perception of power to better understand these power hotspots: who are the people that count, where do they live, and how does high society connect them together?

Mixing in the most influential and powerful circles, and with an intuitive understanding of a city's power structures and culture, **Sir Christopher** will speak to the people who really run the world's most dynamic cities, gaining insights and insider knowledge – and exploring how the nature of power operates in a collection of very different, but equally powerful, cities. The series will find the connections and networks, both official and unofficial, which are the heartbeat behind these cities.

Throughout the insightful and revealing series, **Sir Christopher** will visit six key cities which are the hubs of global power – New York, Moscow, London, Rome, Los Angeles and Mumbai – and bring his unique brand of quick-witted, intelligent and straight-talking commentary to the power brokers he meets along the way.

**Sir Christopher** was Britain's longest-serving ambassador to the US since WW2 – and also one of the most outspoken and popular. Having also been Press Secretary to Prime Minister John Major and held a range of other high profile jobs, he has a unique insight into the world of global power, and his name carries the clout to open doors to an impressive array of individuals. **Sir Christopher** is also known for his explosive memoirs detailing his time as the Ambassador to the US, *DC Confidential*.

Talking about the show, **Sir Christopher Meyer** commented:

*"I devoted a diplomatic career to tapping into the power lines of great nations and creating networks of influence. Now I will be digging even deeper in six of the world's great cities - to uncover their networks of power and the people who control them. It will be a fascinating journey, which will take us into the worlds of politics and fashion, business and movie-making, sport and religion, and much else besides."*

**Elaine Pyke**, Director of Sky Atlantic HD, added:

*"Sir Christopher Meyer is the perfect person to present NETWORK OF POWER for Sky Atlantic HD; he's intelligent, yet engaging and exudes passion and energy – exactly the sort of person who should be on the channel."*

**Archie Baron**, Executive Producer for Wingspan Productions said:

*“Sir Christopher is a class act to work alongside and we’re thrilled to do so again. We’re especially pleased the series, which has real scale and ambition, has been commissioned by Sky, a new broadcaster for Wingspan. It promises to be packed with charm, revelations, and a genuine insight into the people who control these famous cities.”*

**NETWORK OF POWER** is a Wingspan Production exclusively for Sky Atlantic HD. The series is Executive Produced by Archie Baron. The series producer is Michael Simkin. The series will be line produced by Wingspan’s recently appointed new Head of Production Lil Cranfield. **NETWORK OF POWER** was commissioned by Siobhan Mulholland. The series will exclusively air on Sky Atlantic HD and Sky Atlantic in 2012.

**NETWORK OF POWER** is part of Sky's commitment to increase its investment in original British content by 50% over the next three years. By 2014, Sky expects to invest £600 million a year in British programmes across its portfolio of channels. This commitment follows the success of home-grown content such as entertainment hits **GOT TO DANCE**, **AN IDIOT ABROAD** and **A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN**, dramas such as **STRIKE BACK** and **MAD DOGS**, comedies such as **TROLLIED** and **THIS IS JINSY**, and factual shows such as **ROSS KEMP EXTREME WORLD** and the BAFTA-winning documentary **FLYING MONSTERS 3D**.

Wingspan’s recent productions include **IAN HISLOP: WHEN BANKERS WERE GOOD** for BBC2, **THE PENDLE WITCH CHILD** which mixed animation and history for BBC Four and **THE JOY OF STATS**, winner of Best Science Documentary at the 2011 Grierson Awards. Wingspan previously made the diplomatic history series **GETTING OUR WAY** with Sir Christopher Meyer. They first collaborated for **MORTGAGED TO THE YANKS** about post-war British-American relations.

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