

PRESS RELEASE: 11TH FEBRUARY 2010

LEFT BANK PICTURES & SCREEN YORKSHIRE REUNITE FOR 'MARRIED SINGLE OTHER'

Viewers familiar to Leeds will recognise plenty of the locations featured in a new romantic comedy drama to screen shortly on ITV 1. *Married Single Other* marks the renewal of a partnership between Left Bank Pictures and Screen Yorkshire following their collaboration on feature film *The Damned United*. Screen Yorkshire invested £250,000 in the drama through its Production Fund and provided locations and crewing support.

Amanda Abbington, Lucy Davis, Shaun Dooley, Dean Lennox Kelly, Ralf Little and **Miranda Raison** star in the six-part drama, which explores the lives, loves and loathes of three couples. The production team, largely recruited in the region, filmed on location at numerous landmarks around the city, including *The Victoria Quarter, Clarence Dock, Kirkstall Abbey, Millennium Square, Hanover Square* and *Roundhay Park*. Interiors were shot at **Studio 81** on Kirkstall Road where Left Bank Pictures based their production offices.

Married Babs (**Amanda Abbington**) has realised her relationship is in real trouble. She can no longer live with her useless, but lovable, husband, Dickie (**Dean Lennox Kelly**), who has a unique talent for spending his days and her income on 'great ideas', all of which never materialise. Frustrated by his frivolous approach to life, Babs is faced with one of the biggest decisions of her life. Should she divorce Dickie after all they've been through together? Single Clint (**Ralf Little**), Dickie's brother, has never dated the same girl twice. Until he meets Abbey (**Miranda Raison**), a gorgeous model, who turns his world upside down and makes him question his one night stand approach to relationships. For the first time in his life he wants a proper relationship. And in order to persuade her he's boyfriend material, Clint has to change his attitude to love and romance. Is he a confirmed womaniser or will he settle down and be faithful to one woman for the rest of his life?

Other and childhood sweethearts, Issy (**Lucy Davis**) and Eddie (**Shaun Dooley**), have been together for 16 years and are blissfully happy. Eddie has actually proposed on 16 occasions, but each time he crashes and burns. Issy still refuses to wed Eddie, claiming she loves him too much to marry him. However, when she encounters an abusive husband, whilst working at the women's refuge, her opinion on life dramatically changes. She also never realised how much her young son, and child prodigy, Joe (**Jack Scanlan**) wanted her to marry his Dad until she finds his blue scrapbook containing all his research on weddings. This is a life changing moment for Issy as the impact of what she's discovered sinks in.

Married, Single, Other also stars **Leila Mimmack** as Gina, Babs' 15 year old daughter from a previous relationship and Tom Kane as Harry, Issy and Eddie's eldest son.

Executive Producer Andy Harries (*The Damned United, Cold Feet, The Queen, Prime Suspect*), said:

"Leeds is a brilliant place to film with great local crew who are committed to really high, professional standards and quality work. The city is also a vibrant and enjoyable place to film in with great contrasts and local colour. We loved filming 'Married, Single, Other' there and we are all looking forward to returning for the second series".

Hugo Heppell, Head of Production at Screen Yorkshire says: *"We're delighted to have been able to work with Andy and Left Bank again. 'Married, Single, Other' is an exceptional series, portraying contemporary Leeds as brilliantly as 'The Damned United' did the 70s. To have vibrant, powerful drama such as this rooted in Yorkshire is just as important as the massive economic benefit in terms of jobs and inward investment that such a series brings to the region."*

Married, Single, Other is a **Left Bank Pictures** production for **ITV1** executive produced by Andy Harries and Francis Hopkinson, alongside writer Peter Souter and Hugo Heppell from **Screen Yorkshire**.

The 6 x 60 minute series was filmed in **Leeds** and produced by **Radford Neville** (*Wuthering Heights*) and directed by Declan Lowney (*Cold Feet, Father Ted, Little Britain*) and Charles Martin (*Skins, Being Human*).

Married, Single, Other has been commissioned by **Laura Mackie, Director of Drama ITV** and **Sally Haynes, Controller of Drama ITV** and is supported by **Screen Yorkshire** through its Production Fund. Screen Yorkshire also provided locations and crewing support.

Screen Yorkshire media enquiries and image requests

Rachel McWatt

Marketing and Communications Officer

Screen Yorkshire

t. +44 (0) 113 236 8224

e. rachel@screenyorkshire.co.uk

w. www.screenyorkshire.co.uk

Screen Yorkshire is the Regional Screen Agency responsible for inspiring, promoting and supporting a successful and sustainable film, television, games and interactive media sector for the region. We offer a variety of funding and support initiatives to screen media companies based in the region, supported by our two key partners, Yorkshire Forward and the UK Film Council. Screen Yorkshire's **Production Fund** invests in film and television production in the region. Credits include; *The Damned United, Red Riding, Unforgiven, Wuthering Heights, Lost in Austen, Brideshead Revisited, Bunny and The Bull* and the BAFTA award winning *This Is England*.