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## Up, Up and Away!

Acclaimed British actress Miriam Margolyes will join John Waters and Rachael Blake in the fourth series of ABC TV's lauded drama series **Rake**, which begins production in Sydney this week.

Co-creator and producer Richard Roxburgh returns in his multi award-winning role (*Best Lead Actor in a Television Drama - 2013 AACTAs*) (*Most Outstanding Actor - 2011 Logies*) as Cleaver Greene.

Last seen dangling from a balloon drifting across the Sydney skyline, Cleaver crashes into the world of a one-time mentor and now powerful criminal on the run, Edgar Thompson (Waters). Against the backdrop of a city that's taken a turn to the dystopian, Cleaver frantically tries to stay alive – from seeking refuge in a country town congregation, to representing the very man who's trying to have him killed.

Season 4 of **Rake** continues to cast Cleaver's rapier wit on politics, the legal system, and our wider fears and obsessions. His long-suffering friends, relatives, and pugnacious foes also return in the form of Matt Day, Danielle Cormack, Russell Dykstra, Caroline Brazier, Adrienne Pickering, Keegan Joyce, Kate Box, and Damien Garvey.

Heading up a stellar creative team is producer, creator and award-winning writer Peter Duncan, who will again direct alongside Peter Salmon and Rowan Woods. Duncan's writing co-collaborator, the acclaimed Andrew Knight is also back on board.

"We felt we may have been done by the end of season 3 with Cleaver dangling from the balloon but there was clearly so much hot air left to expel we realised another prick was necessary. We are delighted to be flying again, are very grateful to the ABC for being the wind beneath our spheres and look forward to the turbulence the season will create. said Duncan.

Ian Collie of Essential Media is producing his fourth series of **Rake**, along with Duncan and Roxburgh.

ABC TV Head of Fiction, Carole Sklan said: "From its glass shattering opening to its jaw-dropping finale, **Rake** never ceases to amaze and amuse".

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