

# MASTERPTMPIECE

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**OCT 25**      **Endgame**

A nation teeters on the brink of civil war in this real-life political thriller about the negotiations that led to the end of apartheid in South Africa. Seemingly doomed to failure, the secret talks were held against a backdrop of terrorism, spying, blackmail, and escalating unrest. The international cast includes Chiwetel Ejiofor (*American Gangster*, *Kinky Boots*) as President Thabo Mbeki; William Hurt (*Damages*) as Professor Will Esterhuysen; Jonny Lee Miller (*Eli Stone*) as British businessman and negotiator Michael Young, Derek Jacobi (*Gosford Park*) as Young's boss, and Clarke Peters (*The Wire*) as Nelson Mandela.

**NOV 1 – 8**      **Place of Execution**

In 1963, a 13-year-old girl vanished without a trace. More than 40 years later, questions surrounding her disappearance and the hunt for the killer resurface when high-profile TV journalist Catherine Heathcote (Juliet Stevenson, *Infamous*; *Truly, Madly, Deeply*) begins to unravel the mystery. Also starring Greg Wise (*Cranford*). Based on the novel by Val McDermid.

Nov 1      Part 1 (90 minutes)  
Nov 8      Part 2 (60 minutes)

**NOV 15 – 22**      **Collision**

At first, a major road accident appears to be nothing more than a terrible incident that affects a group of people who have never met before. But beyond the chaotic landscape of corpses and crumpled cars, a series of invisible dramas unfold—from government cover-ups, to torn relationships, to murder. Starring Douglas Henshall (*Primeval*), Kate Ashfield (*Shaun of the Dead*) and Phil Davis (*Bleak House*).

Nov 15      Part 1 (120 minutes)  
Nov 22      Part 2 (90 minutes)

\*All episodes can be viewed online for a limited time at [pbs.org/masterpiece](http://pbs.org/masterpiece)