



ZDF STUDIOS

The Lady Grace
MYSTERIES

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About

Format:

Season 1 10x24' available now

Season 2 13x24' in production

Genre / Subgenre: Junior / Live-Action

Target Audience: 8-12

Technique: Live Action

Key Words: Power of friendship, history as time travel, first teen spy girl, romance

Focus / Themes / Tonality:

Friendship, period drama, comedy

The series is about Lady Grace Cavendish, the world's first female teenage detective, working as a private spy for Queen Elizabeth I and navigating the dangerous waters of royal politics in an English court full of plots, threats and mystery with the help of her best friends Ellie and Masou.

What makes the program special? (USPs):

This program stands out with an original story of the world's first female teenage detective, Lady Grace Cavendish, working as a private spy for Queen Elizabeth I. Packed with action, comedy and fourth wall breaks, Lady Grace Mysteries is not your history teacher's Elizabethan England. It is a modern and light-hearted take on the Golden Age of Elizabeth I, and an adventure series full of wit and unique characters.

Synopsis

Meet Lady Grace Cavendish, not just any teen but the world's first teen girl spy, navigating the dangerous waters of royal politics while dodging assassination attempts on her beloved Queen. Orphaned but fearless, Grace has spent her youth outwitting palace guards, avoiding the responsibilities of being a lady-in-waiting, and, most importantly, finessing the fine art of swiping jam tarts. When Queen Elizabeth I, her godmother, asks Grace to be her eyes and ears at court – without telling shadowy spymaster Lord Walsingham – Grace's life transforms from high jinks to high-stakes intrigue. With her loyal friends – the savvy servant Ellie and the dazzling performer Masou – at her side, Grace has to deal with the tribulations of being a teenage girl at the court of England while investigating perilous mysteries.

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Characters

Lady Grace Cavendish

Grace is a truly modern heroine who completely rips up the Tudor rulebook. She moves through the palace like quicksilver, making friends, finding clues, and uncovering mysteries wherever she goes. Grace has no respect for the pomposity and social hierarchy of court life; her best friends are a lowly servant and an actor, so what?! She loves them and they love her. Grace takes her mission to protect the Queen very very seriously, but she is also absolutely dedicated to the art of having fun.



Mason Falaise

The star of the court's in-house troupe of players, Masou is a born performer with a seemingly bottomless supply of practical jokes and magic tricks. This kid lives for the limelight and will do anything for a round of applause. With a large and supportive family cheering him on from the wings, this bright spark's self-confidence could spill over into self-importance – but luckily he always has Grace and Ellie on hand to stop him getting too big for his shiny boots.



Ellie Bunting

A hard-working servant at court and best friend to Grace. Ellie is always on hand with a bit of life philosophy. She has a growing collection of lucky charms which she has to carry at all times to protect her friends. She is worried about losing her best friend to her new duties at court, but she will come to realise that nothing can ever come between her and Grace. Whilst their friendship will be tested Ellie will learn that her and Grace are friends for life, and Ellie only has to believe it.



Queen Elizabeth I

A superstar monarch at the centre of a Golden Age, Elizabeth is doing her best to present herself as the perfect queen and hide the flaws, doubts, and fondness for jam tarts that make her human. Grace encourages Elizabeth to rule as "herself", finding ways to use her charm, her wit and her ability to compromise. After the death of her best friend, Grace's mother, Elizabeth vowed to protect her, and has done everything in her power to keep her goddaughter safe.





Gallery









Credits

Broadcasters:

BBC Commission
In co-production with ZDF and ZDF Studios
In association with France Televisions

Producers:

A Cottonwood Media and
Coolabi Group Production

Executive Producers:

Anna McCleery, Alexander Jacob,
Louise Ní Fhiannachta, Michael Dee,
Teresa Reed, Chris Snowdon

Co-executive producers:

Nicole Keeb, Arne Lohmann,
Christophe Louis, Manon Ardisson

Directors:

Alexander Jacob, Louise Ní Fhiannachta

Produced by:

David Michel, Cecile Laurenson,
Zoe Carrera Allaix

In co-production with:

Be-Films in association with Umedia and UFund

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