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Production begins on Bomb Girls - The Movie

Meg Tilly, Jodi Balfour, Charlotte Hegele, Ali Liebert, Antonio Cupo, Anastasia Phillips, Michael Seater, and Peter Outerbridge Return

TORONTO, Oct. 30, 2013 /CNW/ - Muse Entertainment and Back Alley Film Productions in association with Shaw Media announced today that production has begun on ***Bomb Girls -The Movie*** (working title). The original BOMB GIRLS cast returns reprising their roles with Canadian Screen Award-winning actress Meg Tilly (as Lorna Corbett), Jodi Balfour (as Gladys Witham), Charlotte Hegele (as Kate Andrews), Ali Liebert (as Betty McRae), Antonio Cupo (as Marco Moretti), Anastasia Phillips (as Vera Burr), Michael Seater (as Ivan Buchinsky), and Peter Outerbridge (as Bob Corbett) reprising their roles. The two-hour film, from Emmy® Award-nominated executive producer Michael Prupas (*The Kennedys, Bomb Girls*) and Gemini Award-winning executive producers Adrienne Mitchell and Janis Lundman (*Bomb Girls, Played, Durham County*), is shooting in Toronto and Hamilton until November 20, 2013.

Bomb Girls -The Movie takes viewers back to Spring 1943, as the Battle for the Atlantic rages and an Axis victory seems inevitable. German U-boats patrol the ocean picking off ships, destroying much needed supplies and inflicting heavy casualties. The one hope the Allies have - production of newly developed sonar equipment - is moved to Victory Munitions when the British factories are bombed. Then, in the darkest hour of the war, a new and disturbing menace appears - a saboteur among the factory workers.

Bomb Girl Gladys Witham (Balfour), a fiery young woman from privilege, is covertly recruited by Allied Intelligence to find the traitor on the new line. But she must spy on her best friends, coworkers and fellow agents, calling into question everyone and everything she has come to trust.

"The original cast is excited to be reunited and continue this amazing story of the bomb girls and their fierce commitment to the war effort and each other," says executive producer Adrienne Mitchell.

"Although set in the 1940s, this portrait of ultimate grace under extraordinary pressure resonates today," notes executive producer Janis Lundman.

Bomb Girls - The Movie is produced by Muse Entertainment and Back Alley Film Productions in association with Shaw Media. The executive producers are Janis Lundman and Adrienne Mitchell (*Bomb Girls, Played , Durham County*), and Michael Prupas (*Bomb Girls, The Kennedys*). John Calvert (*Bomb Girls, Flashpoint*) is producer, Donald Martin (*The Christmas Choir*) is the script writer, Jerry Ciccoritti (*Bomb Girls, Played*) is the director, Eric Cayla (*Bomb Girls, Durham County*) is the director of photography, with Aidan Leroux (*Bomb Girls, Played*) as production designer and Michael Ground (*Played*) as costume designer. The film is distributed worldwide by Muse Distribution International.

About Muse Entertainment

Muse Entertainment is a leading film and television production company known for its well-crafted and high-quality productions. Since its founding in 1998, Muse has produced, co-produced or provided production services on more than 170 TV movies and mini-series, television series and feature films and has won over 100 awards and garnered over 300 award nominations! Muse Entertainment's most recent television series are *Played*, *Bomb Girls* (Seasons I, II), *Bounty Hunters* and *Being Human* (Seasons 1, II, III, IV). In 2011, its topical, 8-hr. historical drama, *The Kennedys*, earned 10 Emmy Award nominations. Its *Pillars of the Earth* also won an Emmy and many other awards. Muse's other award-winning programs are *Cyberbully, Durham County* (Seasons I, II, III), *Ben Hur, The Last Templar, Impact, Human Trafficking, Answered by Fire, This is Wonderland* and *Tales from the Neverending Story*. The company's head office and its Quebec production centre are in Montreal. Muse also maintains development and production operations in Toronto and Los Angeles. For more information please visit www.muse.ca

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Back Alley Film Productions Ltd. has been producing entertaining and provocative film and television in Canada for over 20 years and is known internationally for its production of innovative and engaging dramatic series. Founded by Janis Lundman and Adrienne Mitchell, the company co-created and produced the WWII drama *Bomb Girls* and the critically acclaimed dramatic crime series *Durham County.* They also created and produced the series and the first interactive dramatic series in Canada, *Drop The Beat*, which is set in the world of hip hop music, as well as the Gemini award-winning *Straight Up*. Most recently, the company produced *Played.* In 2001 Mitchell and Lundman won the Production Award for Excellence from Women in Film & Television -Toronto. Back Alley has offices in Toronto and Montreal. http://www.backalleyfilms.ca

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