



One woman's astonishing rise
from poverty to wealth, fame and
an infamous ménage a trois...

**Emma &
NELSON**

BASED ON THE BOOK BY **KATE WILLIAMS**

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2 x 90 mins or 3 x 1 hour for television

Emma & Nelson will be a major international co-production. A modern story of a young woman making her way in the world, wanting to be known, the Kate Moss of her generation, famous long before she met Nelson in Naples.

"It" girl, courtesan, dancer, celebrity, artists' model, fashion icon, actress, double agent, Ambassador's wife and hero's mistress, Emma Hamilton performed many roles in her astonishing rise from poverty to wealth and fame in the courts of France, Italy and England. At a time of great upheaval in Europe and when North America had just gained its independence, she was a celebrity, a confidante of Marie Antoinette and her sister Caroline, Queen of Naples, but not welcome at the court of George III.

No role was more important for Emma than the part she played in Naples on 19th July 1798. She had joined the welcome party for Admiral Horatio Nelson, the victor of the Nile as his fleet anchored off the Bay of Naples.

As soon as the great man boarded the welcome boat, she began, as one contemporary observer noted, to assume 'all the appearance of a tragic queen'. Then to the astonishment of onlookers, and with cheers and cannon fire resounding across the bay, she gathered Nelson into her arms, and, leaving the royal entourage and her husband, Sir William Hamilton, in her wake, carried the triumphant but exhausted hero into the ship's cabin.

Thus began her passionate affair with Nelson and the incredible ménage a trois with the blessing of her husband Sir William.

IN DEVELOPMENT

Producers: **Malcolm Craddock, Julia Stannard**
Writer: **Sarah Williams**

SARAH WILLIAMS

BECOMING JANE, SMALL ISLAND, WALLIS & EDWARD, LUSITANIA, POPPY SHAKESPEARE

MALCOLM CRADDOCK

Recent TV films include SHARPE (16 TV movies for ITV, starring Sean Bean) A LIFE FOR A LIFE (ITV, starring Olympia Dukakis), which was nominated for the PRIZ ITALIA and BAFTA, and won the RTS Awards for Best Writer and Best Newcomer, and REBEL HEART for the BBC and the film PING PONG.

JULIA STANNARD

Julia has worked in production for over ten years on a range of critically acclaimed major television dramas and feature films. Work for major networks include A LIFE FOR A LIFE and SHARPE'S CHALLENGE for ITV, CRIME AND PUNISHMENT and BYRON for BBC, THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR, NEVER NEVER and WHITE TEETH for Channel 4 and feature films THE HISTORY BOYS and BOOGIE WOOGIE. Recently Julia produced an award winning adaptation of Margaret Atwood's THE ROBBER BRIDE and the romantic comedy ABROAD for Working Title TV.

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