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## **Local Fantasy Film Signs Streaming Release**

Sheffield-grown lockdown film attracts U.S. streaming service.

**Sheffield, U.K.** (February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021) – As video call meetings become part of every work routine, Cieran and Dale (both 26) of Pale Raven Pictures have used the opportunity to reach out internationally. Their short film 'Myrlan' will end crowdfunding this Sunday and, with only a 40-second teaser, they have already been signed for online release with U.S. streaming platform *The Fantasy Network*.

The network president, Ben Dobyns, writes "The Fantasy Network is thrilled to sign Myrlan for first run streaming on our platform. Helping crowdfunded film and television serve their backers is a large part of our mission and we can't wait to welcome this community of supporters to The Fantasy Network!".

The sword-fighting fantasy drama began script development in March 2020 and casting took place online, receiving over 300 applications. Like the film crew, many of the cast are from Sheffield and Barnsley, though some will travel from London and Cardiff to take part.

The team hit their funding goal in just 48hrs and are now 442% funded, having raised almost £2k. They are currently aiming for their 3<sup>rd</sup> stretch goal of £2750 which will unlock a "Special Previously Unreleased Fantasy Origin Story" if reached this weekend. Everything raised will "go straight into production and distribution", as they write in their pitch, "everyone working on this project is a volunteer in their professional role. [...] short films don't make money, they cost money. They are an investment in the careers of the artists involved.".

Backers can watch Myrlan online by pledging £3 before 21/2/21 // www.kickstarter.com/projects/paleravenpictures/myrlan-a-fantasy-short-film

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