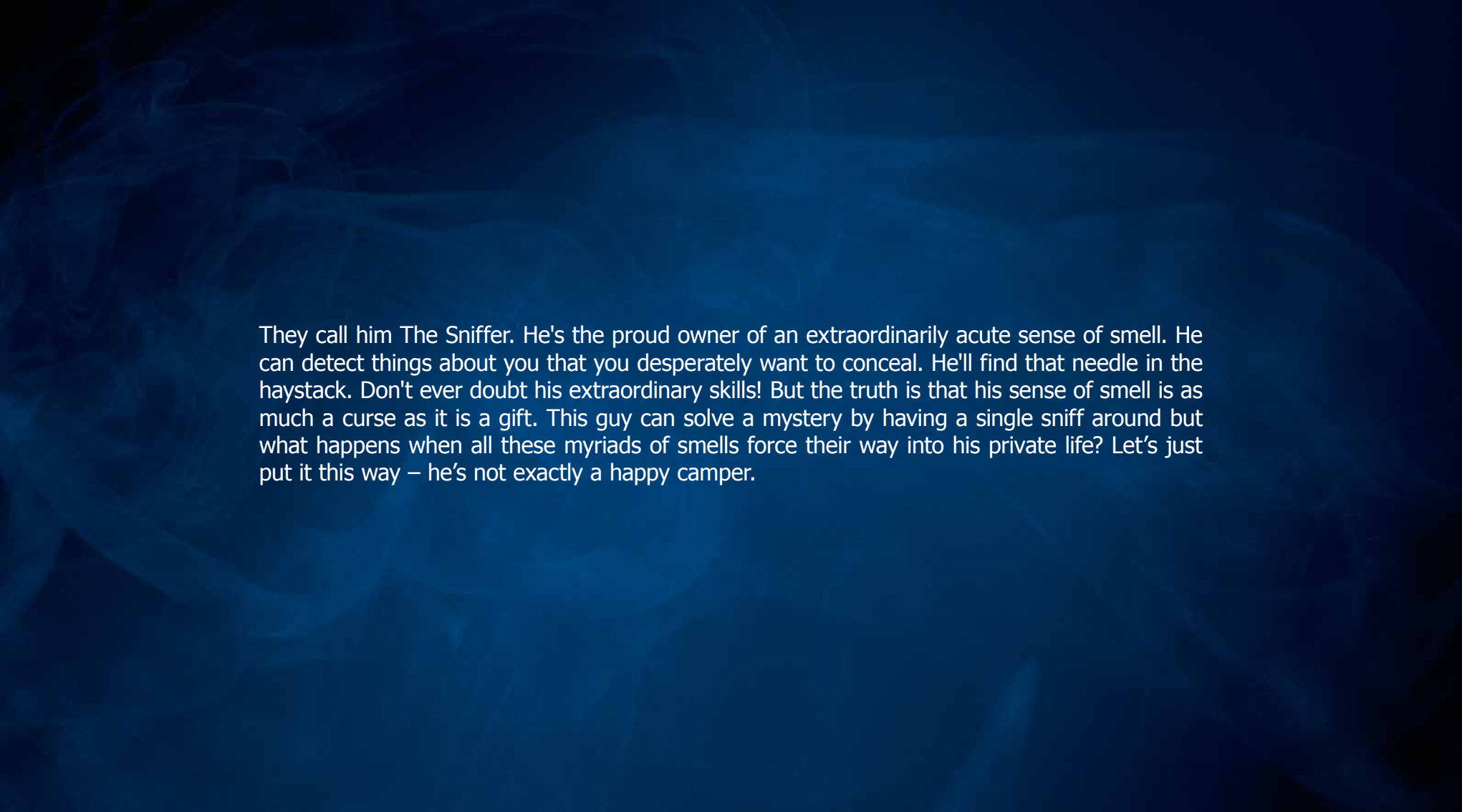




THE NOSE
THAT KNOWS

THE SNIFFER



They call him The Sniffer. He's the proud owner of an extraordinarily acute sense of smell. He can detect things about you that you desperately want to conceal. He'll find that needle in the haystack. Don't ever doubt his extraordinary skills! But the truth is that his sense of smell is as much a curse as it is a gift. This guy can solve a mystery by having a single sniff around but what happens when all these myriads of smells force their way into his private life? Let's just put it this way – he's not exactly a happy camper.



VIEW
THE TRAILER



WATCH FULL
EPISODES



THE FACTS

FORMAT: 1 season - 8 x 1 hour (season 2 in production)
GENRE: high-octane crime / detective series with self-contained plot,
resolved within the same episode
AUDIENCE: 14-59
TIME SLOT: weekly / daily primetime
PRODUCED BY: FILM.UA
BROADCASTERS: Channel One (Russia), ICTV (Ukraine),
KTK (Kazakhstan), Channel 9 (Israel)



RATINGS



“THE SNIFFER” RATINGS SUCCESS

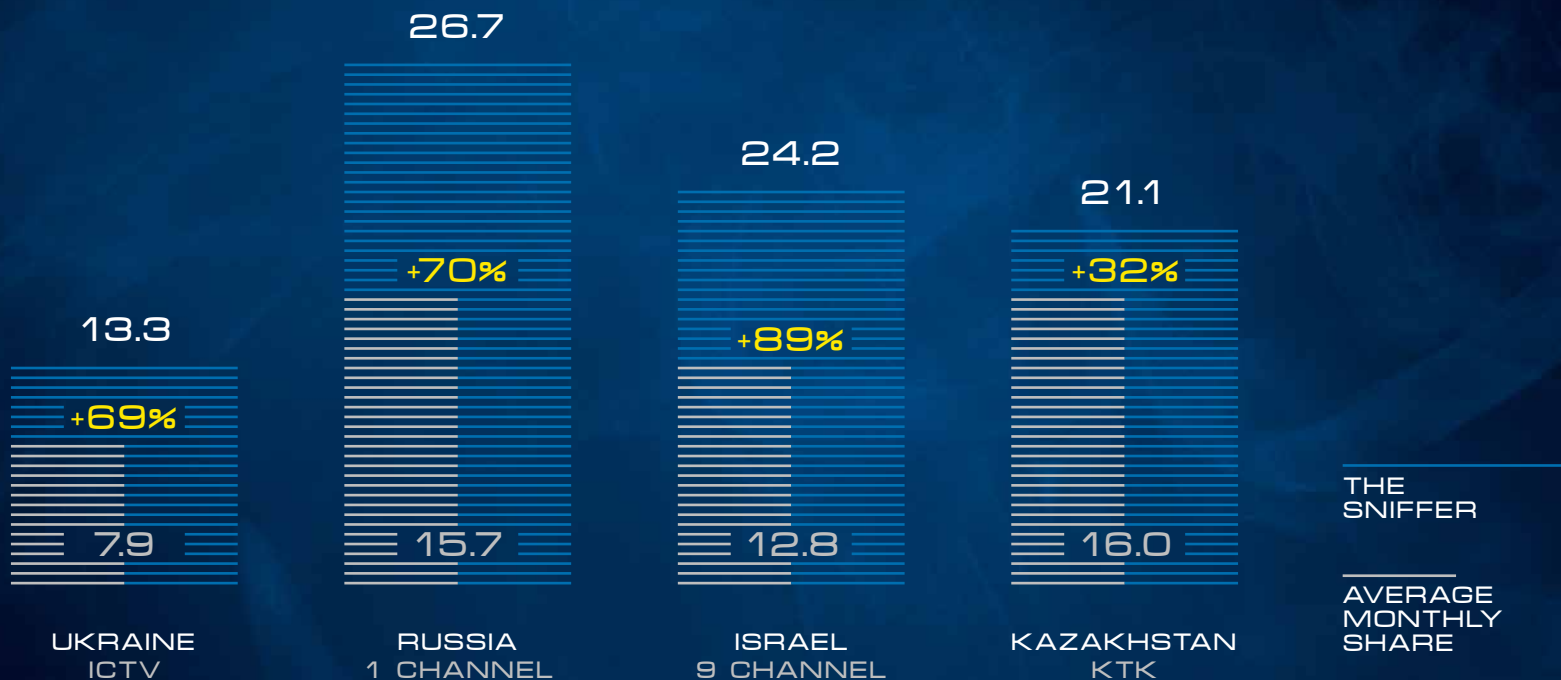
RUSSIA: “The Sniffer” has become the most watched TV series of the last 5 years.

UKRAINE: “The Sniffer” has become the highest rated series of 2013, thus making the broadcaster (ICTV) a leader in its time slot.

RATINGS IN BROADCAST TERRITORIES

In Ukraine and in Russia “The Sniffer” has outperformed the broadcasters' average daily share by 70%!

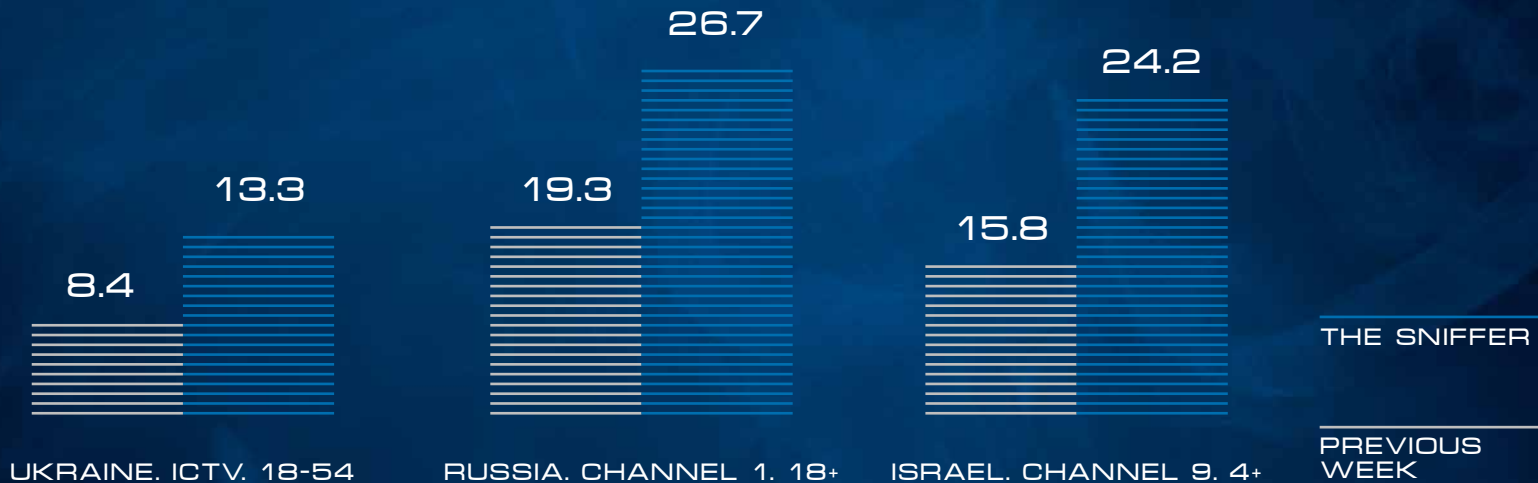
In Kazakhstan and Israel the series has become a highlight in its slot with average market share of over 20% (every fifth viewer tuned in to watch the show)



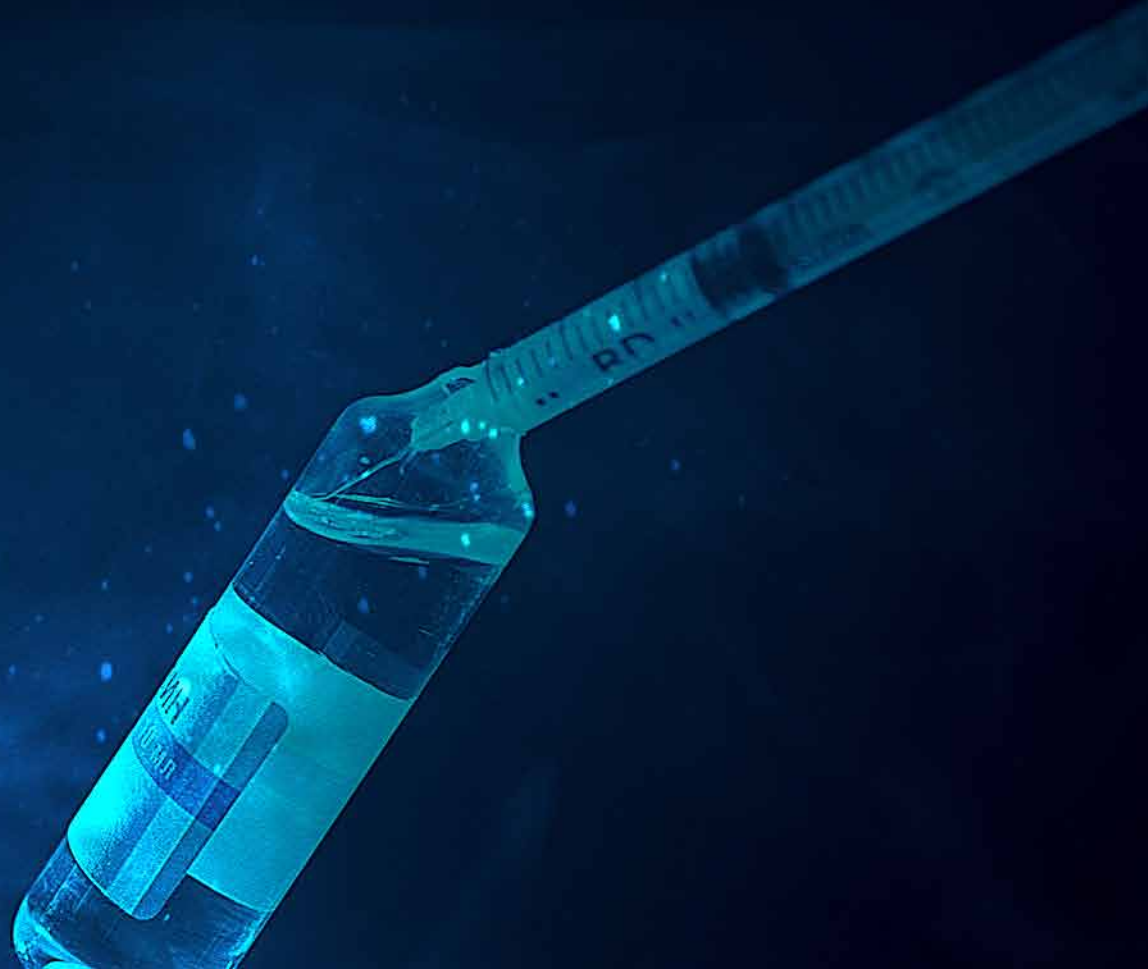
TIME SLOT COMPARISON CHART (AUDIENCE 18-54)

The average share of "The Sniffer" in Ukraine and Russia was 40 to 60% higher than the time slot average the previous week.

Peak prime time slot 20:00 - 22:00



CHARACTERS





The Sniffer

Distinctive traits: easily hurt, self-centered, hypersensitive and hot-tempered. He tries to prevent smells from intervening with his life by putting filters in his nose and tends to avoid social contact. The Sniffer is burdened by his loneliness but accepts it as the flipside of his extraordinary talent. He realizes all of his relationships are doomed. Who would want to remain involved in a relationship with a man from whom they cannot keep anything private...even the most intimate, personal details of one's life? There's one person, however, who accepts The Sniffer the way he is – Victor. Victor is overprotective of The Sniffer. Their relationship reminds that of two brothers. Victor is patient when dealing with The Sniffer. The Sniffer is a private detective. He takes up cases, which need to be solved with extreme diligence since the participants prefer to maintain low profiles. The Sniffer charges his clients a stiff price. But he can, because as unconventional as his methods may be, he is remarkably effective and successful at what he does. In season 1, episode 4 The Sniffer joins SBI (see below) as a part-time employee. He, however, does not give up on his private investigation practice.



Victor Lebedev

Lieutenant Colonel, later a colonel is in charge of the SBI First Division – a special investigation unit. An optimist, although somewhat infantile. Finds special pleasure in pulling guns out of the holsters cowboy-style. An operative to the bone, crafty, in very good shape, has good aim, skilled in combat. A ladies' man. Victor is easy-going and laid-back: the problems of this world don't seem to worry him at all. He's everything The Sniffer is not, thus giving their relationship a complimentary aspect. Victor is the General's darling and will probably take over SBI once the general retires.

Yulia

Alex's mother. Considered to be The Sniffer's ex-wife. However, whether in fact Yulia is The Sniffer's former wife is a mystery unto itself. Yulia mentions in one of her conversations with The Sniffer that "she did the right thing 15 years ago". This is probably connected to something that happened at the time of Alex's birth. However, what she specifically means by this is not clear. What she did back then and why she did it is one of the mysteries of this series. Yulia is controlling and nagging. She has deeply-rooted issues due to a lack of a personal life. The Sniffer and Yulia share a love-hate relationship. The Sniffer is burdened by these ties but considers it his duty to maintain this relationship. After all Yulia is the mother of his child. Nevertheless, it's obvious The Sniffer feels guilty for something that happened 15 years ago.





Alex

The Sniffer's son. A typical rebellious teenager trying to explore and ascertain his personal identity. He has a difficult relationship with his father. Alex did not inherit his father's gift. Or did he?

Voskresenskaya

The Sniffer's treating physician. Recommended by Victor. Despite being skeptical about the doctor's ability to treat his recurring allergies, The Sniffer grows to admire Voskresenskaya for her in-depth knowledge of chemistry and biology. The doctor, in her turn, sees The Sniffer's gift as a scientific phenomenon yet to be examined. Their mutual interest for each other soon develops into something bigger. Their relationship, however, is evolving at a slow pace. Voskresenskaya is hiding a secret – every now and then she visits a man in prison. What kind of ties bind these two people is yet to be revealed. In episode 8 Yulia is kidnapped by a maniac and The Sniffer risks his own life to rescue the woman whose life now hangs in balance.





General Bondarev

SBI Director. Energetic, smart, diplomatic, assertive, tough and overbearing at times. Suspicious of The Sniffer, fatherly with Victor. He can be vicious and tyrannical when a situation calls for it.

SBI - Special Bureau of Investigation

Fictional organization. Analogous to FBI or CBI (California Bureau of Investigation). SBI's investigative priorities include: violent crime, child abduction, fraud and criminal conspiracy.



EPISODES



SEASON 1

EPISODE № 1

Meet The Sniffer. Blessed by his extraordinary sense of smell. It is thanks to it that your plane will make it today to its final destination rather than explode in the air. His logic is solid - the smell of acetone peroxide plasticized in celluloid, used by a terrorist, is not to be confused with anything. The Sniffer's talent helps prevent major catastrophes, but this extraordinary man doesn't stop there. He helps his friend Victor, an SBI employee, solve crimes. This time the duo will have to find out who killed the owner of a large construction company, along with the main suspect in the investigation.

EPISODE № 2

The smell of cheap tobacco follows a hitman wherever he strikes. He's recently been a busy bee and murdered a chairman of a bank and the Deputy Prefect all in a single day. Victor and The Sniffer will have to crack this case. How are the victims connected? Who's the next target? Is there a way to put an end to this killing spree?

EPISODE № 3

The Sniffer's son, Alex, is in trouble. He's been apprehended at a murder scene with a gun in his hands and a bag of marihuana. The detective in charge of the case seems to be involved in foul play. This time the stakes are higher – should The Sniffer fail at solving the crime, his son's very life would be in peril.

EPISODE № 4

In an act of goodwill, The German Ministry of Culture decides to return one of the greatest paintings of a revered and celebrated Russian genius, Ilya Repin. The painting is exhibited at a beautiful venue jam-packed with journalists and reporters. "I love the smell of genius" – says The Sniffer. He makes a step forward only to find that the painting in front of him is, in reality, a fake. The Sniffer makes a bold statement concerning the authenticity of the painting, which unavoidably causes an international scandal.

EPISODE № 5

An unknown man kills four soldiers. The investigation of this crime sheds light on the life in the military base. Turns out officer abuse is not just a thing of the past. Soon enough another soldier gets murdered indicating that these heinous crimes have been committed by the same person. The killer is painted as being smart and careful, always remaining one step ahead of the investigation. How do these murders fit into a bigger picture and who is the man behind the carnage is yet to be established.

EPISODE № 6

The son of a wealthy businessman gets kidnapped. The kidnappers demand a ransom, leaving the grief-stricken father with only 48 hours to come up with the demanded sum. The Sniffer describes the kidnapper: a 50 year-old man, grey hair, suffers from a severe liver deficiency, was discharged from a hospital 3-4 days ago. However, the investigation doesn't seem to be able to narrow down the list of suspects. Besides, the father's refusal to share crucial information risks leading the case to a dead-end.

EPISODE № 7

The sudden murder of underboss Misha Kievsky shatters the criminal world. One of the mobsters, Trefa, is suspected to have committed the murder. However, the Don makes a bold play when he calls upon The Sniffer to find the instigator of a gang war and put an end to the bloodshed.

EPISODE № 8

The Sniffer receives a package. In it he finds a pen and a note: «Save her». What's peculiar about this package is that the paper and the box have no smells. The pen, however, smells like horse stables and cheap cosmetics. In a couple of hours Victor and The Sniffer hear about the murder of a young hippodrome employee. They find yet another note at the murder scene. The Sniffer gets pulled into a twisted game, the rules of which remain unclear. Unfortunately, there's no time for theories. The Sniffer has to beat his opponent in time as the life of the woman he loves hangs in the balance.

SEASON 2

EPISODE № 1

The Sniffer's life is in danger. He lands in ER and his heart stops. To understand what happened we will have to go back several days.

All law enforcement agencies have been called into heavy duty since a mysterious and extremely brutal double murder rocked the city. The victims were put to death by firearm and then decapitated. Moreover, one of the dead turns out to be a policeman, the other - a low-level thug.

Even though Irina Nordin, an experienced pathologist of the highest caliber and a charming woman, has been called in to help the Sniffer and Victor solve the crime - it won't be easy. Some witnesses have turned up dead while suspects of the crime prefer to take their own lives rather than be arrested. The Sniffer follows a lead that can help him find the murderer thus putting his own life in danger.

EPISODE № 2

Barely healed from his injury, the Sniffer must use his gift to help solve another crime. An unknown assailant shot three security guards in a supermarket. Clues from the scene of the crime point to the fact that this was a premeditated rather than a random act of violence. After going through security footage from the cameras in the supermarket, the Sniffer and Victor find that several hours of footage has gone missing. It becomes apparent that the answer lies within the missing parts of the tape but who can they question if all the witnesses are dead?

Meanwhile the Sniffer faces another dilemma - he needs to prove that the serial killer who targeted him and Voskresenskaya (episode 8, season 1) is sane and should be convicted. He is successful: turns out that the killer had a surprise for the Sniffer in the form of a shank he intended to use in another attempt on the Sniffer's life.

EPISODE № 3

Everything seems to be going wrong in the Novikovs family. And it's not just the withering relationship of the couple that's to blame - problems that arise from their son's autism as well as the aunt who became incapacitated after suffering a stroke are also in play. Tina helps the mother look after her son and the aunt. Once the son tosses a turned on hair dryer into the bath that his father is in. It all looks like an accident but in just a couple of days Mrs. Novikova is also found dead. Who is to blame for all the grief that befell the household? This time around the Sniffer will not only have to use his sense of smell but also try to understand how people with autism see the world.

The psychiatric clinic that holds the serial killer (episode 8, season 1) sees a series of strange events - one of the security guards fires at the killer before taking his own life.

EPISODE № 4

American IT Specialist Crosby flies in for an international conference on security. But once off the plane he never reaches his welcoming delegation. Soon it comes to the surface that the American is an agent for an intelligence service.

A double agent. But the main problem is that Crosby doesn't disappear by himself. The agent of a local intelligence service Lena vanishes along with him. It is only thanks to the Sniffer that we find out why the couple goes missing. In the end it will be up to the Sniffer to decide the fate of the runaways.



CGI



A blue-tinted photograph of a silver ballpoint pen lying diagonally across a document. The document contains text in Cyrillic script, with the word 'СТОИМ' (Stoim) clearly visible. The lighting is dramatic, with a bright blue glow emanating from the background, creating a high-contrast, futuristic or technological atmosphere. The pen is a sleek, modern design with a silver finish.

KEY POINTS

- a unique character never seen before on TV
- CGI further reinforces the narrative and creates a visual feast for the viewer's enjoyment making The Sniffer stand out from among the other crime drama series.
- the number of episodes is not limited. You can create more episodes within the frame of the heroes' «universe» (reference: House M.D., The Mentalist)
- suitable for both vertical and horizontal blocking

The show has been lauded with critical acclaim and has been praised by media publications both in Ukraine and abroad.

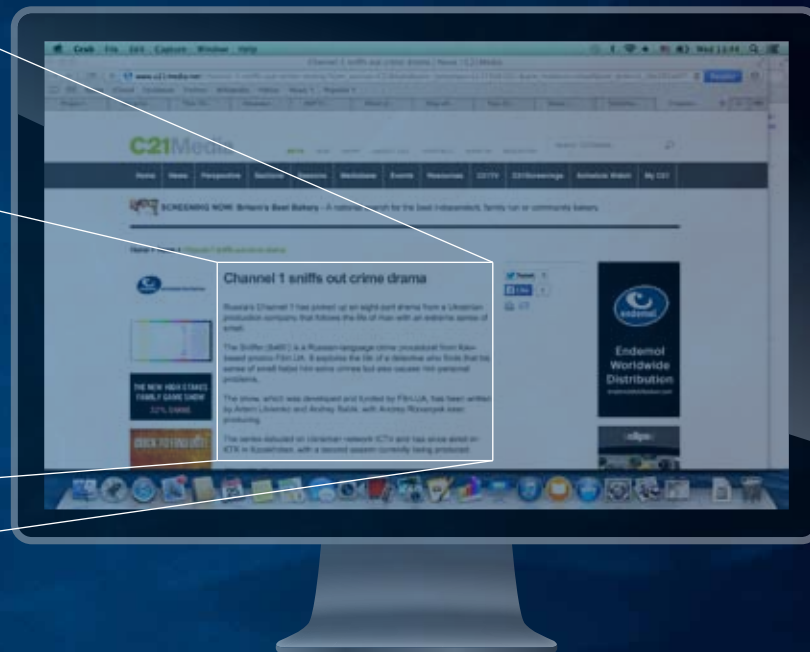
Channel 1 sniffs out crime drama

Russia's Channel 1 has picked up an eight-part drama from a Ukrainian production company that follows the life of man with an extreme sense of smell.

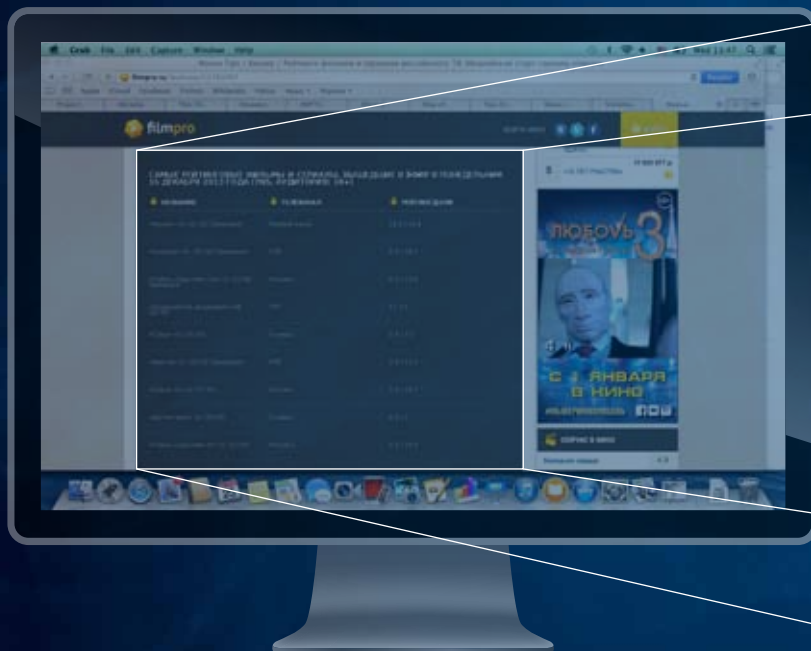
The Sniffer (8x60') is a Russian-language crime procedural from Kiev-based prodco Film.UA. It explores the life of a detective who finds that his sense of smell helps him solve crimes but also causes him personal problems.

The show, which was developed and funded by Film.UA, has been written by Artem Litvienko and Andrey Babik, with Andrey Rizvanyak exec producing.

The series debuted on Ukrainian network ICTV and has since aired on KTK in Kazakhstan, with a second season currently being produced.



Famous Russian media publications took note of The Sniffer's success on Channel One



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