



'CAN'T COPE, WON'T COPE' TO PREMIERE AT IRISH SCREEN AMERICA

The Irish Screen America festival, which takes place from Sept 22nd to Sept 25th in Los Angeles and from Sept 30th to Oct 2nd in New York, will host the New York Premiere of a new **female-centred**, darkly comic drama series, *Can't Cope, Won't Cope*, from Irish broadcaster RTÉ2.

Can't Cope, Won't Cope follows two Cork twenty-somethings, Aisling and Danielle, whose relationship and lifestyle starts to spiral out of control. Fuelled by mad nights out and bolstered by a sense of entitlement, these girls are running away from the reality that's hurtling toward them.

The series stars up-and-comers **Seána Kerslake**, fresh off the critically acclaimed premiere of *A Date for Mad Mary*, and **Nika McGuigan** (*Philomena, Traders*) as Aisling and Danielle. **Amy Huberman** leads a strong supporting cast including Norma Sheahan (*Moone Boy*) and Steve Blount (*Moone Boy*).

Produced for RTÉ2 by Deadpan Pictures, with support from the BAI Sound and Vision Fund and with Content Media handling international sales, *Can't Cope, Won't Cope*, is written by Stefanie Preissner and produced by Ailish McElmeel. The six-part series is directed by **Cathy Brady** (*E4's Glue*) who is no stranger to Irish Screen America, having given a Director's Masterclass at last year's festival.

RTÉ executive producer Comedy, Music & Talent Development, Justin Healy said: "*We are delighted that Can't Cope, Won't Cope will have its international premiere at Irish Screen America this September. Can't Cope, Won't Cope is a funny, engaging and realistic drama aiming to capture what life is really like for Irish women as they navigate their way through all the drinking, dating and drama of their 20s. It brings a unique Irish sensibility to universal themes that we are sure will resonate with Irish and international audiences.*"

Director of Irish Screen America, Niall McKay added: "We consider it the responsibility of Irish Screen America to highlight the best new work from the Irish audio-visual sector in the U.S. and *Can't Cope, Won't Cope* is exemplary of the kind of creative producing that is a model for all film and television these days. And it's an added bonus that the creative triumvirate of writer, producer and director at the heart of this fresh new series all happen to be women."

Irish Screen America supports and guides Irish media-makers by showcasing their work and fostering partnerships in the two largest cities for the entertainment industry in the United States – New York and Los Angeles. The festival hosts screenings, industry panels, discussions and masterclasses.

RTÉ2 is Ireland’s second biggest television channel and targets the 15–34-year-old audience. The channel puts contemporary Irish voices, stories, talent and identity at the very heart of its public-service mission, building a diverse schedule for younger viewers and those who ‘think young’.

The first two episodes of *Can’t Cope, Won’t Cope*, will premiere in LA on **Saturday September 24th at 9pm** and in New York on **Saturday October 1st at 8pm**. **Director Cathy Brady and producer Ailish McElmeel will be in attendance.** Book Tickets [HERE](#)

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