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## Academy Award-Winning Actor Geoffrey Rush to Star as Albert Einstein in GENIUS

### Johnny Flynn Set as Young Einstein

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The story is based on Walter Isaacson's critically acclaimed biography of the celebrated scientist, and the first episode will be directed by Imagine's Ron Howard, his first time directing a scripted prime-time drama. Production begins next month in Prague, and will air in 2017 on the National Geographic Channel in 171 countries and 45 languages.

Joining Rush in the cast is Johnny Flynn ('Clouds of Sils Maria,' 'Song One,' 'Lovesick'), who will play Einstein in the years before he rose to international attention and acclaim.

Through 10 episodes, GENIUS will chart how an imaginative, rebellious patent clerk, who couldn't get a teaching job or a doctorate, unlocked the mysteries of the atom and the universe. Each episode will explore Einstein's extraordinary scientific achievements, along with his volatile, passionate and complex personal relationships.

Each season of GENIUS will dramatize the fascinating stories of the world's most brilliant innovators. The first season will be based on Walter Isaacson's critically acclaimed book 'Einstein: His Life and Universe,' adapted by writer Noah Pink.

After more than two decades as a stage and film actor, Australian-born Geoffrey Rush burst into the mainstream with the role of a lifetime as piano prodigy David Helfgott in 'Shine,' for which he received an Academy Award, Golden Globe award, BAFTA award and Australian Film Institute Award. Since then he has become one of Hollywood's most reliable talents

British actor and musician Johnny Flynn was nominated as the London Newcomer of the Year at the 2012 What's On Stage Awards for his performance in 'The Heretic' (Royal Court) and went on to gain his first Olivier Award nomination for 'Jerusalem' (West End) that year. More recently, Johnny starred in Martin McDonagh's huge hit 'Hangmen' originating at the Royal Court and transferring to the West End.

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