



Kirsten Dunst, Breaking Bad's Jesse Plemons join cast of Calgary-shot Fargo; Second season will air on FX Canada



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Actors Kirsten Dunst and Jesse Plemons have been cast to star in season 2 of FX's ' Fargo '

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Spider-Man's Kirsten Dunst and Breaking Bad's Jesse Plemons have been cast in the second season of Fargo, FX announced on Wednesday.

This is the first official word on casting for the Alberta-shot series, which will begin production in Calgary and area in the third week of January.

The Emmy-winning series — produced by FX Productions, MGM Television and Calgary's Nomadic Pictures — will have a different cast and storyline from its first season. So far, producers are remaining tight-lipped about other casting rumours that circulated last week, specifically reports in TheWrap that Burn Notice's Jeffrey Donovan has been cast and Parks and Recreations Nick Offerman has been offered a role.

Dunst, a former child actress who won a Golden Globe nomination for her role in 1994's Interview with A Vampire before starring in films such as Bring It On and two instalments of the Spider-Man franchise, will play Peggy Blomquist, a “small-town beautician with big-city dreams.” Plemons, best known for playing the polite but vicious killer Todd Alquist in the final season of AMC's Breaking Bad, will play her husband Ed, a butcher's assistant.



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How this will play into the second season's main narrative is unclear. Creator Noah Hawley, who loosely adapted the series based on the Coen Brothers' 1996 classic film, has said the story will take place in 1979 Sioux Falls and Luverne, Minn. The story will focus on Lou Solverson, a state trooper and Vietnam vet. Keith Carradine played Solverson in Season 1, but no casting announcements have been made about who will play the younger version of the character in Season 2.

Season 1 also starred Billy Bob Thornton, Martin Freeman, Oliver Platt, Bob Odenkirk and Alison Tolman.

The casting of Dunst and Plemons was not the only good news for fans of Fargo Wednesday, particularly for those in Alberta. FX confirmed that the second season, unlike the first, will be aired on FX Canada.

The first season was aired exclusively on FX's offshoot channel FXX. Unfortunately, that meant Albertans couldn't watch it since neither Telus nor Shaw carried the channel.