

## FX renews 'Fargo,' 'Louie'

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FX is renewing two critically acclaimed shows: The heavily Emmy-nominated freshman drama *Fargo* will return for a second season and Louis CK's acerbic comedy *Louie* will be back for a fifth season.

For the anthology series *Fargo*, the story will feature an all-new cast, a different time period setting and have a new "true crime" story that will unfold across 10 episodes. Writer-producer Noah Hawley will once again showrun the series. "We could not be more proud of *Fargo*," said John Landgraf, CEO of FX Networks. "Noah's audacious, bordering on hubristic riff on my favorite Coen brothers film earned 18 Emmy nominations—the most for a single program in our history. *Fargo* was nothing short of breathtaking and we look forward to the next installment."

There's no premiere date yet, but Landgraf says it won't be ready until fall 2015 — at the earliest.

The second season won't necessarily have a major film star like Billy Bob Thornton, the executive noted, and suggested Hawley's writing in *Fargo* was superior to HBO's oft-compared *True Detective*. "I think *True Detective* is going to have to prove it's not just a vehicle for movie stars [next season]," Landgraf said. "[*True Detective* creator Nic Pizzolatto] is going to have to write something truly great every single year. I think Noah has already proven he can write something really great ... I think we needed Billy Bob [to launch the show] but we don't need somebody next year. Frankly, I think we can do it with unknowns — [newcomer] Allison Tolman brought as much to *Fargo* as Billy Bob."

For *Louie*, FX has ordered a fifth season from creator-producer-star-everything Louis CK, but there's a catch — only seven episodes this time. The show will return next spring. "Louie's fourth season was once again groundbreaking. Sometimes hilarious, sometimes heartbreaking—always thought provoking," said Landgraf. "The show went to narrative and cinematic places no comedy has gone before and we look forward to seeing what Louis comes up with next."