

Fargo, Crazy Ex-Girlfriend

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Season Premiere: The 2014 debut season of *Fargo* recaptured and redirected the dark humor of the 1996 Coen Brothers film; Season 2 refines and expands upon it. Set in 1979—a year rife with hilarious hair and clothing choices, all exploited here—this *Fargo* story follows an escalating turf war between small-town thugs and big-city crime bosses, adding to the headaches of local cop Lou Solverson (Patrick Wilson, playing the younger version of Keith Carradine's character from Season 1), who not only has a child and cancer-stricken wife (Cristin Millioti) at home, but also a new assignment to protect a visiting presidential candidate on the campaign trail, one Ronald Reagan (Bruce Campbell—yes, *really*). And those are only three of multiple intersecting storylines and characters (colorfully delivered by Kirsten Dunst, Jesse Plemons, Ted Danson, Jean Smart, Jeffrey Donovan, Nick Offerman, Bokeem Woodbine, Brad Garrett and more). It's

a seemingly overwhelming abundance of people and predicaments, but series creator/writer Noah Hawley again makes it all flow effortlessly. If you're still feeling let down by *True Detective* (I stand by Season 2, but we're *not* getting into that here), *Fargo* might well be the American crime-anthology series you're looking for.