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# Syfy Lands 'Ghost Wars' Drama Starring Vincent D'Onofrio, Kim Coates



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The drama hails from showrunner  
Simon Barry and Nomadic Pictures.

Syfy is adding another acquisition to its scripted offerings. The NBCUniversal-owned cable network has acquired 13-episode drama series *Ghost Wars* from Nomadic Pictures, with Simon Barry (*Van Helsing*) as showrunner and starring Vincent D'Onofrio and Kim Coates.

The drama, set in an Alaskan town overrun by paranormal forces, will premiere in the U.S. on Syfy and elsewhere globally on Netflix.

*Ghost Wars* is created by Barry, who expands his relationship with Syfy following *Continuum* and fellow acquisition *Van Helsing*. Production on the drama started May 1 in Vancouver. The series revolves around local outcast Roman Mercer (Avan Jogia, *Tut*) who must overcome the town's prejudices and his personal demons if he's to harness his repressed psychic powers and save everyone from the mass haunting that's threatening to destroy them all. D'Onofrio (*Daredevil*), Coates (*Sons of Anarchy*), Kristin Lehman (*Motive*) and Meatloaf (*Fight Club*) star. David Von Ancken (*Tut*), who previously worked with Nomadic on AMC's *Hell on Wheels* will direct.

"*Ghost Wars* is not just a contemporary homage to classic psychological horror, it's also an opportunity to tell stories about human politics and how we shape our beliefs and lives based on our individual perspectives and biases," Barry said in a release announcing the news Wednesday. "Science, humanism, religion and the paranormal all get a seat at the table. I'm grateful that [Nomadic co-chairmen] Chad Oakes and Mike Frislev have assembled such a wealth of talent, both in front of and behind the camera, to hopefully elevate this genre series beyond expectations."

*Ghost Wars* is executive produced by Nomadic's Oakes and Frislev, Barry, Dennis Heaton (*Motive*) and Von Ancken. Nomadic Pictures will distribute the series within Canada, the U.S. and the rest of the world.

The series is an extension of Syfy's deal with Nomadic that also includes *Van Helsing*. *Ghost Wars* joins a roster of acquisitions at Syfy featuring *Van Helsing*, *Wynonna Earp* as well as originals *The Magicians*, *Dark Matter*, *Killjoys* and *Z Nation*.