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WIRE Buzz: SYFY's *Van Helsing* back in production; *Lost Boys* musical bites new video; Netflix's 'Connected'

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VAN HELSING -- "The Beholder" Episode 413 -- Pictured: (l-r) Keeya King as Violet, Tricia Helfer as Dracula, Nicole Muñoz as Jack -- Credit: Dan Power/Nomadic Pictures Inc./SYFY

Production on the fifth and final season of SYFY's *Van Helsing* has officially resumed amid the pandemic with pre-planned safety protocols, Nomadic Pictures and Dynamic Television announced today.

"The safe and efficient return to production is a result of 12 weeks of tireless efforts on behalf of our entire executive team, producers, writers, directors and crew," Chad Oakes, executive producer and co-chairman of Nomadic Pictures said in a statement. "This would not be possible without the round the clock consultation, drafting and execution of our safe return to work protocols with all the unions and guilds. We thank them for their unwavering support and will

continue to craft our execution plan as we enter a new era of film making. We understand the herculean responsibility to be the first out of the gate and will proceed with every cast and crew members safety as our first priority."

Van Helsing is the first dramatic series to return to set in Canada. Kim Coates (*Sons of Anarchy*), Ali Liebert (*Bomb Girls*), and Steve Bacic (*Gene Roddenberry's Andromeda*) have all boarded Season 5, which is still scheduled to premiere in the fall with 13 episodes. The first three episodes were able to wrap up filming in Bratislava, Slovakia before the shutdown caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

"Kim, Ali and Steve are incredible talents and we are thrilled to welcome them to our *Van Helsing* family. And we are especially ecstatic to finally be back to work with them," said Michael Frislev, also executive producer and co-chairman of Nomadic. "We started on our COVID protocols and PPE collection shortly after shutting down. The entire cast and crew have been through our COVID safety training and were tested prior to going to camera. Our extensive and detailed protocols have been blessed by all BC unions, guilds, ActSafe BC and WorkSafe BC. We are ready and look forward to a safe and successful shoot."

Coates is playing Count Dalibor, "the husband of Olivia who despite his best intentions, makes some disastrous choices"; Liebert is playing Nina, "a vampire with a colorful past that involves Julius, and a hidden agenda that entails a lot of death"; and Bacic is taking on the role of The Father, "a wild vampire who dresses in animal skins and has been hiding in an abandoned mine with a child."