

Italia Ricci to Star in Netflix Sci-Fi Drama 'The Imperfects'

The 10-episode series hails from 'The Order' alums Dennis Heaton and Shelley Eriksen.

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Netflix is back in business with the team behind *The Order*. The streaming giant has handed out a 10-episode, straight-to-series order for *The Imperfects*, a sci-fi drama starring Italia Ricci (*Chasing Life*).

The drama revolves around three twenty-somethings who, following an experimental gene therapy, are turned into monsters who band together to hunt down the scientist responsible and force him to make them human again.

The series is from *The Order's* Dennis Heaton, Shelley Eriksen and Chad Oakes and Michael Frislev of Nomad Pictures. Heaton will serve as showrunner, exec producer and writer. Eriksen is set to write and exec produce.

Ricci (*Designated Survivor*) will star as Dr. Sydney Burke, a brilliant scientist looking to fix her past mistakes, both professional and ethical, by allying with Abbi (Rhianna Jagpal, *Charmed*), Juan (Iñaki Godoy, *Who Killed Sara?*) and Tilda (Morgan Taylor Campbell, *Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist*) to track down the scientist responsible for their grim fates.

Rhys Nicholson (*RuPaul's Drag Race Downunder*) will play Dr. Alex Sarkov, a former child prodigy who refuses to let anyone or anything interfere with his goal of rewriting the human genome and ushering in the next stage of human evolution. The cast also includes Celina Martin (*Other Kingdom*) as a test subject and Kyra Zagorsky (*The 100*) as a rival to find Sarkov.

The series is the latest for Netflix from Nomadic Pictures and follows *The Order*, *Wu Assassins* and *The I-Land*.

Ricci, who starred in ABC-turned-Netflix drama *Designated Survivor*, is repped by Hyperion Talent Agency, Echo Lake Entertainment and Felker Toczek.