



Van Helsing renewed for a second season

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(L-R) Executive producer Mike Frislev, actor Vincent Gale, actress Kelly Overton, actor David Cubitt, executive producer Chad Oakes, actor Christopher Heyerdahl, actor Jonathan Scarfe, writer Simon Barry and director Michael Nankin gather for a photo on the black carpet outside the Globe Cinema in downtown Calgary. **LYLE ASPINALL / POSTMEDIA NETWORK**

Vanessa Van Helsing will live on to battle more vampires.

American network Syfy announced Friday that her post-apocalyptic adventures will continue after confirming a second season for the horror-thriller-scifi series Van Helsing.



Kelly Overton in Van Helsing. **DAN POWER / CALGARY**

The series, which shoots in Vancouver but was developed by Calgary-based Nomadic Pictures, stars Kelly Overton as a descendent of Dracula's famous vampire-slaying foe. After a volcano eruption spells doom for most earthlings, a nation of previously hidden vampires rise up.

Christopher Heyerdahl, Jonathan Scarfe and David Cubitt co-star. Director and playwright Neil LaBute is the series' showrunner.

“We have a terrifying road ahead planned for Vanessa and her allies and her enemies,” LaBute said in a press release. “I think this is a world and a story that can be sustained for many years.

For now Van Helsing cannot be seen in Canada, although Nomadic Pictures co-chair Chad Oakes said he expects the series to start airing in English Canada within the next six months and on iTunes and Netflix Canada a year after that. The Calgary International Film Festival held a screening of two episodes of the show last month.

Nomadic Pictures also co-produces FX’s Fargo and co-produced AMC’s Hell on Wheels.