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‘Van Helsing’ Series Casts Kelly Overton In Title Role Of Hunter’s Daughter, 5 Others



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Kelly Overton has been cast as the lead in *Van Helsing*, the 13-episode sci-fi series from Nomadic Pictures (*Fargo*, *Hell On Wheels*), which is set to air on Syfy in the U.S. Also cast in the show, from Neil LaBute, are Jonathan Scarfe (*Hell on Wheels*), Christopher Heyerdahl (*Hell on Wheels*), Paul Johansson (*Mad Men*), David Cubitt (*Ray Donovan*) and Tim Guinee (*Homeland*).

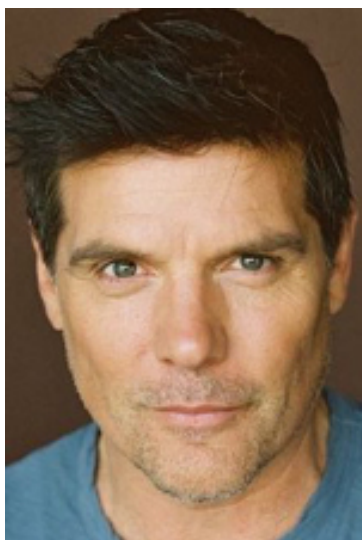
The hourlong drama reimagines the timeless Dracula brand with the resurrection of Vanessa Helsing (Overton), a descendent of the Van Helsing lineage of warriors who now must lead mankind against a world controlled by vampires in the post-Rising landscape.



Scarfe plays Axel, a career Marine with unwavering devotion and loyalty to both duty and his wards, despite years of isolation and endless vampire attacks. Heyerdahl will play Sam, a survivor of the vampire Rising, who relies on his strength and observational skills

to stay alive. Cubitt will play John, another survivor of the vampire Rising, whose actions are fueled by anger, prejudice, suspicion and fear. Johansson will play Dimitri, a vampire turned before the Rising, he is now the patient and calculating leader of the vampires. Guinee will play Ted, a vampire foot soldier who does battle with Vanessa and conceals a tragic past.

“We’ve been extremely blessed to get such a wonderfully talented and diverse cast for *Van Helsing*,” said writer/showrunner LaBute. Added Chad Oakes, Co-Chairman of Nomadic Pictures, “Kelly will be an amazing Vanessa and our lead cast is nothing short of outstanding.”



Set to direct episodes of *Van Helsing* are Michael Nankin (*Hell on Wheels*), Jason Priestley (*Haven*), David Frazee (*Orphan Black*), Simon Barry (*Continuum*) and Amanda Tapping (*The Magicians*). The series is set to begin production in Vancouver, BC on February 22. for a premiere on Syfy this fall.



Overton is best known for her regular role as Rikki Naylor, the alpha female werewolf, on HBO’s *True Blood*. She was most recently a series regular on Season 2 of TNT’s *Legends* and also recurred on The CW’s *Beauty and the Beast*. She is repped by Innovative Artists.

Scarfe is repped by Michael Greene & Associates and More/Medavoy; Heyerdahl is repped by Michael Greene & Associates; Johansson is repped by Gilbertson Entertainment and Stone Manners Salners Agency; Cubitt is repped by APA and The Characters; Guinee is repped by Principal

Entertainment.

Executive producing the series are Chad Oakes & Mike Frislev from Nomadic Pictures, Neil LaBute, Simon Barry, Evan Tyler, Zadoc Angell and Dave Brown from Echo Lake Entertainment, as well as Daniel March (Dynamic Television). Nomadic Pictures will distribute the series within Canada, Fallout Asylum and Dynamic Television will distribute the series (initial window) in the United States. Dynamic Television is also on board as international distributor. SuperChannel and SuperEcran (Quebec) will air the Series in Canada.