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True Blood's Kelly Overton cast as lead in Syfy's Van Helsing

Meet Vanessa Helsing

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Female-led 'Van Helsing' series picked up by Syfy
From werewolf to vampire hunter: *True Blood* actress Kelly Overton has been cast as the lead in Syfy's new series *Van Helsing*.

The new 13-episode reimagining centers on Vanessa Helsing, a descendent of the Van Helsing lineage of warriors who must lead mankind in the vampire-ruled post-Rising world.

Overton played werewolf Rikki Naylor in *True Blood* and has recently appeared in *Legends* and *Beauty and the Beast*. The show will also star Jonathan Scarfe, Christopher Heyerdahl, Paul Johansson, David Cubitt, and Tim Guinee.

"We've been extremely blessed to get such a wonderfully talented and diverse cast for *Van Helsing*", says EP and showrunner Neil LaBute. "We have an amazing lead actress in Kelly Overton and we've built a brilliant supporting cast around her. I'm very excited to begin the journey of *Van Helsing* with this outstanding group of actors."

Production will begin in Vancouver on Feb. 22 and the show is set to premiere in the fall.