



Van Helsing: Second Season Ordered by Syfy

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Van Helsing TV series renewed for season two on Syfy. (Photo: Dan Power/Helsing S1 Productions/Syfy)

The *Van Helsing* TV show has been renewed for a second season of 13 episodes on Syfy. Production is slated to begin in January. The action-horror drama hails from by Nomadic Pictures. Nomadic's Chad Oakes and Mike Frislev executive produce with showrunner/writer Neil LaBute, Simon Barry, Evan Tyler, Dave Brown, Zadoc Angell, and Daniel March.

The *Van Helsing* TV series cast includes: Kelly Overton, Jonathan Scarfe, Christopher Heyerdahl, David Cubbit, Vincent Gale, Rukiya Bernard, Trezzo Mahoro, Tim Guinee, Hilary Jardine, Aleks Paunovic, and Alison Wandzura.

Get the details from this Syfy press release:

“VAN HELSING” RENEWED FOR SECOND SEASON BY SYFY

Action-Horror Series Currently Aired Fridays at 10/9c
LOS ANGELES, CA – October 14, 2016 – The new action-horror series, *Van Helsing*, has been renewed for a second season on Syfy. The hour-long drama premiered Friday, September 23 and will return for 13 all new episodes, with production expected to begin January 2017.

An original Syfy co-production, *Van Helsing* is produced by Nomadic Pictures, which also serves as the studio. Executive producers are Chad Oakes and Mike Frislev from Nomadic Pictures, showrunner/writer Neil LaBute, Simon Barry (“*Continuum*”), Evan Tyler (Industry Works), Dave Brown and Zadoc Angell (Echo Lake Entertainment), as well as Daniel March (Dynamic Television). Dynamic Television is also handling the worldwide distribution for the series, excluding first run U.S. television and Canada.

“It’s with great pleasure and extreme excitement that all of us involved with *Van Helsing* receive the news of a pick-up for a second season, especially this early in our initial run,” said Showrunner Neil LaBute. “We have a wonderful and terrifying road ahead planned for Vanessa, her allies and her enemies. I think this is a world and a story

that can be sustained for many years and I am inspired to do so thanks to Syfy's obvious trust and commitment in the storytellers, cast and crew. The team is very thankful and ready to go – ready to get back on the road to Denver and to spill a lot of blood along the way.”

“We could not be more thrilled to receive a second season nod from our friends at Syfy,” said Chad Oakes, Executive Producer and Co-Chairman of Nomadic Pictures. “The incredibly talented cast, director, and writers, all lead by our fearless leader Neil LaBute, worked tirelessly to deliver us an amazing first season. We cannot wait to roll up our sleeves and continue this journey together.”

“The pulse of the vampire apocalypse beats into season two. Congratulations to all the remarkable artists who have made this Van Helsing series so compellingly great,” said Michael Frislev, Executive Producer and Co-Chairman of Nomadic Pictures. “One of the best shows I have worked on in my career.”

“We’re so pleased to announce a second season of Van Helsing and extend our terrific partnership with Syfy and the phenomenal cast, crew and writers,” added Daniel March, Managing Partner, Dynamic Television. “To have the series already embraced by fans and critics alike is a strong testament to our talented team. We look forward to continuing their amazing storytelling and exploring more of Vanessa’s very unique story.”

After a catastrophic volcano eruption, the last remaining underground vampires rise up through a dark, ash-filled sky to overtake America. Vanessa Van Helsing (Kelly Overton, “True Blood”), a descendant of the legendary line of vampire hunters, awakens from a three-year coma to discover that she’s not only immune to the bloodthirsty predators – but also has the ability to make them human again. With this “cure” threatening the vampire’s existence and a target on her back, can Vanessa save humanity? Van Helsing is a total re-imagination of the timeless Dracula brand and stars Overton, Jonathan Scarfe, Christopher Heyerdahl, David Cubitt, Vincent Gale, Rukiya Bernard, Trezzo Mahoro, Aleks Paunovic, Laura Mennell, Tim Guinee and Paul Johansson.

About Syfy

Syfy is a media destination for imagination-based entertainment. With year round acclaimed original series, events, blockbuster movies, classic science fiction and fantasy programming, a dynamic Web site (Syfy.com), and a portfolio of adjacent business (Syfy Ventures), Syfy is a passport to limitless possibilities. Originally launched in 1992 as SCI FI Channel, and currently in 96 million homes, Syfy is a network of NBCUniversal, one of the world's leading media and entertainment companies. NBCUniversal is a subsidiary of Comcast Corporation. (Syfy. Imagine Greater.)

About Nomadic Pictures

Nomadic Pictures, founded by Chad Oakes & Mike Frislev, is a Calgary based production company developing, financing and producing features, MOWs, Mini-Series and TV series. In 21 years, Nomadic has produced over 67 projects, worth a combined \$650 million in production, and remains one of the most active production companies in Canada. In 2015, Nomadic produced the Fifth and Final season of HELL ON WHEELS (AMC/eOne), Second Season of FARGO (FX Network/MGM) and the first season of VAN HELSING (Syfy). In 2004, Nomadic won three Daytime Emmy's(R) for THE INCREDIBLE MRS. RITCHIE starring Gena Rowlands, James Caan, Kevin Zegers). In 2005, Nomadic co-produced AMC's first scripted Original mini-series, BROKEN TRAIL (Robert Duvall, Thomas Haden Church), and in 2007, went on to be nominated for 16 Primetime Emmys(R), winning four awards including Best Mini-Series. In 2014 & 2015, Nomadic took home an Emmy(R), a Golden Globe(R), a Television Critic's Award and a Producers Guild Award for Best Mini-series for FARGO (Billy Bob Thornton, Martin Freeman, Colin Hanks, Alison Tolman). In 2016, FARGO S2 received 18 Emmy(R) nominations, including Best Mini-Series.

About Dynamic Television

Dynamic Television is a production, financing and distribution company with a global strategy to bring premium television programming to worldwide audiences. Dynamic will soon be

delivering an epic six-part mini-series, *Madiba*, starring Laurence Fishburne as Nelson Mandela, as well as Orlando Jones, David Harewood and Michael Nyqvist. *Madiba* will air on BET Network in the US in February 2017. Dynamic Television has also acquired Hulu's longest running hit original series, *East Los High*, for international distribution and is currently delivering the critically-acclaimed crime series *Trapped*, created by award winning filmmaker Baltasar Kormakur and filmed in Iceland. Additionally, Dynamic is distributing the Syfy series, *Wynonna Earp*, the new social media sensation, which has been ordered for a second season, the #1 Rated Syfy series *Z Nation*, now in its third season, and *Van Helsing*, from showrunner Neil LaBute. Dynamic's partners include BBC, BSkyB, Universal Networks, TF1, M6, Canal+, France Televisions, RTL2, ZDF, Sony Networks, Turner Networks, Lifetime Networks, Fox International Networks, Telenet, NBC Universal, Viasat, SBS Networks, Netflix, Amazon, Hulu and many more.

What do you think? Have you been watching the first season of the *Van Helsing* TV series? Will you watch the second season on Syfy.