



Syfy Renews 'Van Helsing' For Second Season

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Syfy has renewed co-production Van Helsing for a second season, it was announced today by Nomadic Pictures and international distributor Dynamic Television. The renewal, which comes a mere for weeks into the show's first season, is for a further 13 episodes, which are expected to air in 2017.

"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. "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."

Van Helsing picks up after a catastrophic volcano eruption, when the last remaining underground vampires rise up through a dark, ash-filled sky to overtake America. Vanessa Van Helsing, 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?

The drama series is produced by Nomadic Pictures, which also serves as the studio, and stars Kelly Overton, Jonathan Scarfe, Christopher Heyerdahl, David Cubitt, Vincent Gale, Rukiya Bernard, Trezzo Mahoro, Aleks Paunovic, Laura Mennell, Tim Guinee and Paul Johansson. The executive producers are Chad Oakes, Mike Frislev, showrunner/writer Neil LaBute, Simon Barry, Evan Tyler, Dave Brown, Zadoc Angell and Daniel March. Dynamic Television is handling worldwide distribution for Van Helsing and will be shopping it at MIPCOM. The series has not yet been acquired by a UK broadcaster.