

Amazon Studios Blesses Good Omens for Sequel Season

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Based on Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman's International Best-Selling Novel, the Six-Part Second Season Will Expand Upon the Good Omens Universe and Beloved Characters

LONDON & CULVER CITY, CA [June 29, 2021] – Amazon Studios today announced that it has greenlit global fan-favorite series *Good Omens* for a second season. Multi-award-winning actors Michael Sheen, (*Quiz*, *Staged*) and David Tennant (*Des*, *Staged*) are confirmed to reprise their starring

roles as the angel Aziraphale and demon Crowley, an unlikely duo that teamed up to save the world from the apocalypse. The second season of the six-part humorous fantasy drama will begin filming later this year in Scotland and will premiere on Amazon Prime Video in more than 240 countries and territories around the world at a later date.

The new season will explore storylines that go beyond the original source material to illuminate the uncanny friendship between Aziraphale, a fussy angel and rare book dealer, and the fast-living demon Crowley. Having been on Earth since The Beginning and with the Apocalypse thwarted, Aziraphale and Crowley are getting back to easy living amongst mortals in London's Soho when an unexpected messenger presents a surprising mystery.

Neil Gaiman continues as executive producer and will co-showrun along with executive producer Douglas Mackinnon, who will also return to direct. Rob Wilkins, John Finnemore and BBC Studios Productions' Head of Comedy Josh Cole will also executive produce, with Finnemore serving as co-writer alongside Gaiman. *Good Omens* is based on the well-loved and internationally bestselling novel 'Good Omens' by Terry Pratchett (*Hogfather*) and Gaiman. The new season is produced by Amazon Studios, BBC Studios Productions, The Blank Corporation and Narrativa.

Neil Gaiman says: "It's thirty-one years since 'Good Omens' was published, which means it's thirty-two years since Terry Pratchett and I lay in our respective beds in a Seattle hotel room at a World Fantasy Convention, and plotted the sequel. I got to use bits of the sequel in *Good Omens* -- that's where our angels came from. Terry's not here any longer, but when he was, we had talked about what we wanted to do with 'Good Omens,' and where the story went next. And now, thanks to BBC Studios and Amazon, I get to take it there. I have enlisted some wonderful collaborators, and John Finnemore has come on board to carry the torch with me. There are so many questions people have asked about what happened next (and also, what happened before) to our favourite Angel and Demon. Here are the answers you've been hoping for. We are back in Soho, and all through time and space, solving a mystery, which starts with an angel wandering through Soho, with no memory."

Douglas Mackinnon says: "Taking *Good Omens* to my home country of Scotland to film a second season is an exciting dream come true for me. And with Michael Sheen and David Tennant returning as Aziraphale and Crowley, we really have an angel and a demon on our side."

Rob Wilkins says: "Terry and Neil always knew that Crowley and Aziraphale wouldn't remain content to appear in only one story, and long harboured plans to expand upon their adventures. David and Michael's stellar performances made this an absolute necessity. Terry would have been delighted with how they brought their characters to life, and just as delighted as I am that a second season is now underway."

Michael Sheen says: "Personally I'm against it, but the world isn't going to just save itself, is it? If David and I can manage to not fall out too badly this time it may even have a chance of getting finished."

David Tennant says: "The return of *Good Omens* is great news for me, personally. As I get to work with Michael again, and I get to say Neil's wonderful words once more. It's probably less good for the universe as it almost certainly means there will be some fresh existential threat to its existence to deal with, but, you know - swings and roundabouts..."

Good Omens launched globally as a limited series on Prime Video in May 2019 and is based on the beloved 1990 novel, *Good Omens: The Nice and Accurate Prophecies of Agnes Nutter, Witch*, by Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman. The Hugo Award winning first season, favorite amongst millions of passionate global fans, stars Michael Sheen, David Tennant, Jon Hamm, Nick Offerman, Jack Whitehall, Miranda Richardson, Adria Arjona, Michael McKean, Anna Maxwell Martin, Mireille Enos, and more.

With this announcement, Amazon Studios continues its relationship with Gaiman, who has an overall deal with the studio.

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About Amazon Studios

Amazon Studios is the home for talent, creating and producing original films and television series for a global audience. Original series premiere on Amazon Prime Video, which is available in over 240 countries and territories, including the Emmy Award-winning comedies *Fleabag*, created by and starring Emmy Award-winner Phoebe Waller-Bridge, and *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* from Emmy Award-winners Amy Sherman-Palladino and Daniel Palladino, as well as the action thriller drama *Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan* starring John Krasinski, the irreverent superhero series *The Boys*, Greg Daniels' comedy *Upload*, and *The Underground Railroad*, from Academy Award-winner Barry Jenkins. Amazon Originals also include culturally relevant and buzzed about content such as Rihanna's annual *Savage X Fenty* music and fashion event. Amazon Studios also produces original content for IMDb TV, Amazon's premium free streaming service. Upcoming IMDb TV series from Amazon Studios include the *Bosch* spin-off series starring Titus Welliver and the *Untitled Judge Judy Sheindlin Project*.

In film, Amazon Studios produces and acquires original movies for theatrical release and exclusively for Amazon Prime Video. Amazon Studios became the first streaming service to win Oscars for *Manchester by the Sea* and *The Salesman*. In 2021, Amazon Studios received a record-breaking 12 Academy Award nominations, winning two for *Sound of Metal* for Best Editing and Best Sound. Recent Amazon original movies include the action-packed thriller *Tom Clancy's Without Remorse* starring Michael B. Jordan, the cultural smash hit *Coming 2 America* starring Eddie Murphy, the Golden Globe-winning comedy *Borat Subsequent Moviefilm* with Sacha Baron Cohen, the Oscar-winning *Sound of Metal* starring Riz Ahmed, the family comedy *My Spy* starring Dave Bautista, Garrett Bradley's *Time, Sylvie's Love* starring Tessa Thompson and Nnamdi Asomugha, Regina King's directorial debut *One Night in Miami...*, and *I'm Your Woman* starring and produced by Rachel Brosnahan. This summer, upcoming tentpoles include the action-packed sci-fi escape *The Tomorrow War* starring Chris Pratt.

About BBC Studios Productions

BBC Studios Productions has been the home of British comedy for over half a century and is responsible for many of the greatest programmes of all time. From *The Office*, *Absolutely Fabulous* and *Only Fools & Horses*, to *The Thick Of It*, *Little Britain* and *Monty Python*. Current successes include BAFTA winning shows *Inside No. 9* and *This Country*, two series of *Trying* for Apple TV+, fantasy epic *Good Omens* for Amazon, Liam Williams' *Ladhood* and Gbemisola Ikumelo's BAFTA winning *Brain in Gear* for the BBC.

BBC Studios, a global company with bold British creativity at its heart, is a commercial subsidiary of the BBC Group. Award-winning British programmes made by the business are internationally recognised across a broad range of genres and specialisms, with brands like *Strictly Come Dancing*/*Dancing with the Stars*, *Top Gear*, *Doctor Who* and *Bluey*. BBC Studios has offices in 22 markets globally, including ten production bases in the UK and production bases or partnerships in a further nine countries around the world. The company, which ordinarily makes around 2500 hours of content a year for both the BBC and third parties including Apple, Amazon and China Mobile, is a champion for British creativity around the world. It is also a committed partner for the UK's independent sector through a mix of equity partnerships, content investment and international distribution for programme titles. To the BBC, BBC Studios contributes both cash dividends and funds for programme-making, supporting the licence fee and enhancing programmes for UK audiences.

About the Authors

Neil Gaiman is the award-winning author of books, graphic novels, short stories, and films for all ages, including the Oscar nominated *Coraline*. Some of his most notable titles include *Norse Mythology*, *American Gods*, *The Graveyard Book* and the *Sandman* comic series which is being adapted for television by Netflix and Warner Bros TV, with Gaiman as Adviser and Executive Producer. He was the writer and showrunner for the Amazon Prime and BBC Studios adaptation of *Good Omens*, based on the book he co-authored with Sir Terry Pratchett, and his script for *Good Omens* Episode 3, "Hard Times" won the 2019 Ray Bradbury Award, and *Good Omens* won the 2020 Hugo Award for Best Dramatic Presentation (long form). His novel *American Gods* was also adapted to a critically acclaimed, Emmy-nominated TV series on Starz. Born in the UK, he now lives in the United States.

Terry Pratchett was the acclaimed creator of the global bestselling *Discworld* series, the first of which - *The Colour of Magic* - was published in 1983. As a young journalist, Neil Gaiman was the first person ever to interview him. Terry's books have been widely adapted for stage and screen, and he was the winner of multiple prizes, including the Carnegie Medal, as well as being awarded a knighthood for literature. He died in March 2015.

About The Blank Corporation

The Blank Corporation is a multimedia production company who have produced *American Gods* for Starz, *Good Omens* for the BBC and Amazon, and *Sandman* for Warner Bros and Netflix, and have several other television series and films in different states of development.

About Narrativa

Narrativa is the independent production company, launched in 2012 by Sir Terry Pratchett. The company owns and controls the exclusive multimedia and merchandising rights to all of Sir Terry's works, including his *Discworld* characters and creations. The company is headed by Managing Director Rob Wilkins and celebrated writer Rhianna Pratchett. In 2019 Narrativa saw the release of the acclaimed television series, *GOOD OMENS* with Amazon Studios and BBC Studios, starring David Tennant and Michael Sheen, and based on the internationally best-selling novel by Sir Terry Pratchett & Neil Gaiman, and 2021 saw the announcement of the animated production *THE AMAZING MAURICE* with Ulysses Filmproduktion and Cantilever Media, starring Hugh Laurie, Emilia Clarke and David Tennant. Christmas 2021 will see the premiere of *THE ABOMINABLE SNOWBABY*, a traditionally animated festive special.