



Amazon's Third Pilot Season Will Premiere on 28th August in the UK and US

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*Pilot Episodes from Critically-Acclaimed Creators Including Shaun Cassidy, Jay Chandrasekhar, Marc Forster, Steven Soderbergh and Whit Stillman
Three half hour comedies and two hour-long thrillers will be available for customers to watch, rate and review
Shows star noted talent including Selma Blair, Adam Brody, Sarah Chalke, Dana Delany, Ron Perlman, Paul Reiser, Chloë Sevigny and Mena Suvari*



11th August, LONDON —Amazon today announced it will debut its highly anticipated third pilot season on the 28th August on Amazon Instant Video in the UK and US. Customers who watch the pilots will visit modern day Paris, step into the world of a vigilante who has visions from God, follow along as a psycho-physiological illness tears apart a town, explore the complexities of marriage, and take a trip to a country club in 1980's New Jersey. Once again, customers are invited to watch and provide feedback on the shows they want to see turned into full series. The pilots can be viewed later this month through Prime Instant Video on more than 400 devices, including Kindle Fire, iPad, iPhone, Xbox, PlayStation, Wii and Wii U, amongst others, and online at www.amazon.co.uk/PIV

Five pilots will be available including half hour comedies *The Cosmopolitans*, *Really* and *Red Oaks*, and hour-long dramatic thrillers *Hand of God* and *Hysteria*. The pilots come from renowned creators including [Shaun Cassidy](#), [Jay Chandrasekhar](#), [Marc Forster](#), [David Gordon Green](#), [Steven Soderbergh](#) and [Whit Stillman](#), and star [Selma Blair](#), [Adam Brody](#), [Sarah Chalke](#), [Dana Delany](#), [Ron Perlman](#), [Paul Reiser](#), [Chloë Sevigny](#) and [Mena Suvari](#).

"We are delighted to be able to bring Amazon customers new shows from some of Hollywood's most talented actors and creators," said Roy Price, Director of Amazon Studios. "There is something for everyone in this season and I can't wait to hear our customers' feedback when they premiere later this month."

As part of its unique development process, Amazon gives customers an opportunity to provide feedback on which pilots they want turned into series on Prime Instant Video. During pilot season, any Amazon customer can watch, rate and comment on the pilots. At the end of pilot season, that feedback helps determine the shows that become an Amazon Original Series. This past April, Amazon customers posted tens of thousands of comments during the second pilot season, which helped Amazon decide to green light six series—*Transparent*, *Mozart in the Jungle*, *Bosch*, *The After*, and kids series *Gortimer Gibbon's Life on Normal Street* and *Wishenpoof!*

Amazon's third pilot season includes the following shows:

The Cosmopolitans

Written, directed and produced by Academy Award nominee [Whit Stillman](#) (*Metropolitan*, *Barcelona*, *The Last Days of Disco*), *The Cosmopolitans* follows a group of young American expatriates in contemporary Paris searching for love and friendship in a foreign city. The romantic comedy pilot stars [Adam Brody](#) as "Jimmy," [Chloë Sevigny](#) as "Vicky," [Carrie MacLemore](#) as "Aubrey," [Dree Hemingway](#) as "Camille," [Freddy Åsblom](#) as "Fritz," [Jordan Rountree](#) as "Hal," and [Adriano Giannini](#) as "Sandro." The pilot was filmed on location in Paris.

Hand of God

Marking the television debut of renowned filmmaker [Marc Forster](#) (*Monster's Ball*, *Finding Neverland*, *World War Z*) and written by [Ben Watkins](#), *Hand of God* stars Golden Globe winner [Ron Perlman](#) in his first lead television role since *Sons of Anarchy* as "Judge Pernell Harris." *Hand of God* also stars [Dana Delany](#) as the Judge's protective wife "Crystal Harris," [Garret Dillahunt](#) as "KD," the born-again sociopath whose violent tendencies are exploited by Pernell, [Andre Royo](#) as the slick, smart, gregarious, and greedy mayor "Robert 'Bobo' Boston," [Alona Tal](#) as Pernell's grieving daughter-in-law "Jocelyn Harris," [Julian Morris](#) as the questionable preacher "Paul Curtis," [Elizabeth McLaughlin](#) as the preacher's sultry girlfriend "Alicia," and [Emayatzy Corinealdi](#) as Pernell's call girl and confidante "Tessie." The show centres on the powerful Judge Harris, a hard-living, law-bending married man with a high-end call girl on the side, who suffers a mental breakdown and goes on a vigilante quest to find the rapist who tore his family apart. With no real evidence to go on, Pernell begins to rely on "visions" and "messages" he believes are being sent by God through Pernell's ventilator-bound son. Forster, Watkins, Perlman, [Brian Wilkins](#) and [Jeff King](#) are Executive Producers, and [Jillian Kugler](#) is co-Executive Producer.

Hysteria

Hysteria takes viewers to Austin, Texas where social connection has become contagious. In the pilot, members of a girls' competitive dance team are stricken with a strange, psycho-physiological illness that manifests itself in violent fits and spasms and then begins spreading in the community through technology. Neurologist Logan Harlen (played by [Mena Suvari](#)) returns to her hometown to investigate the cause. Fighting her own demons and the growing manipulation of a brother on death row, Logan develops an uneasy suspicion that the hysteria surrounding the girls might actually be linked to social media and her own tragic past. *Hysteria* is written by [Shaun Cassidy](#), who is known for genre thrillers such as *Invasion* and *American Gothic*, and directed by [Otto Bathurst](#), who won the BAFTA Award for his work on the critically-acclaimed U.K. mini-series *Peaky Blinders*. The show also stars [James McDaniel](#) (*Orange Is The New Black*) as "Carl Sapsi," [Josh Stewart](#) (*The Dark Knight Rises*) as "Ray Ratajeck," [Adan Canto](#) (*X-Men: Days of Future Past*) as "Matt Sanchez," [Laura San Giacomo](#) (*Saving Grace*) as "Grace Pelayo" and [T.R. Knight](#) (*Grey's Anatomy*) as "Carter Harlen." The show is written by Cassidy, who is also Executive Producer alongside [Adam Schroeder](#), [Sharon Hall](#), [Andrew Kosove](#), [Broderick Johnson](#), [Bryan Zurriff](#), and Bathurst. In addition to Suvari, McDaniel, Stewart, Canto, San Giacomo and Knight, *Hysteria* also stars [Ella Rae Peck](#) and [Jenessa Grant](#). Pilot guest stars include [Jason Douglas](#), [Heather Kafka](#), [Asiha Cooper](#), and [Evie Thompson](#). Amazon Studios is collaborating with Universal Television and Alcon Television Group on the production of *Hysteria*.

Really

Written, directed and starring [Jay Chandrasekhar](#), *Really* is a funny, extremely, honest behind-the-curtain look at the complexities of marriage and the charged dynamics of a tight-knit group of friends. The show is about four hard-charging suburban Chicago couples trying to grasp on-to their dwindling youth. At the center are the happily but messily married couple "Jed," played by Chandrasekhar, and "Lori," played by [Sarah Chalke](#). When Jed is faced with the choice of keeping his pal's secret or destroying his friend group, he winds up digging himself into a very deep hole. *Really* explores marriage, friendship and the stifling peculiarities of suburban Chicago life. The pilot also stars [Selma Blair](#), [Travis Schuldt](#), [Hayes MacArthur](#), [Collette Wolfe](#), [Luka Jones](#), [Lindsay Sloane](#) and [Rob Delaney](#). *Really* comes from *Main Street Films*' [Craig Chang](#) and [Harrison Kordestani](#), and Executive Producer [Jamie Tarses](#) (*Happy Endings*).

Red Oaks

Directed by Sundance award-winner [David Gordon Green](#) (*Pineapple Express*, *Eastbound and Down*) and produced by Academy Award winner [Steven Soderbergh](#) (*Behind the Candelabra*, *Traffic*, *Ocean's Eleven*), *Red Oaks* stars [Craig Roberts](#) (*Submarine*) as "David Myers," an assistant tennis pro at the Red Oaks Country Club in suburban New Jersey in 1985, who is both reeling from his father's heart attack and conflicted about what major to declare in the fall. While there, he meets a colourful cast of misfit co-workers and wealthy club members including an alluring art student named "Skye" (played by guest star [Alexandra Socha](#)) and her corporate raider father "Getty" played by [Paul Reiser](#) (*Mad About You*). A coming-of-age comedy set in the "go-go" 80s that is equal parts hijinks and heartfelt, *Red Oaks* is about enjoying a last hurrah before summer comes to an end—and the future begins. *Red Oaks* also stars [Jennifer Grey](#) (*It's Like, You Know*) as "Judy Myers," [Richard Kind](#) (*Luck*) as "Sam Myers," [Oliver Cooper](#) (*Californication*) as "Wheeler," [Gage Golightly](#) as "Karen," and [Ennis Esmer](#) as "Nash." *Red Oaks* is written by [Gregory Jacobs](#) (*The Knick*) and [Joe Gangemi](#) (*Eliza Graves*). Soderbergh, Green, Jacobs, and Gangemi are Executive Producers.

About Amazon Studios

Last year Amazon Studios launched its first two prime time series, *Alpha House* and *Betas*, and recently debuted its first three children's series, the Anecy International Animated Film Festival Award-winning *Tumble Leaf* from Bix Pix Entertainment, as well as *Creative Galaxy* from Angela Santomero and Out of the Blue Enterprises, the creators of *Blue's Clues*, and *Annedroids*, from Emmy nominated Sinking Ship Entertainment. Amazon Studios recently announced six additional, original series including Chris Carter's *The After*; Michael Connelly's *Bosch*; Jill Soloway's *Transparent*; *Mozart in the Jungle* from Paul Weitz, John J. Strauss, Roman Coppola and Jason Schwartzman; *Wishenpoof!* from Angela Santomero; and *Gortimer Gibbon's Life on Normal Street* from David Anaxagoras, as well as a second season of *Alpha House*. Upcoming pilots include *The Cosmopolitans*, *Hand of God*, *Red Oaks*, *Hysteria*, and *Really*. Amazon Original Series are available exclusively to Prime members through Prime Instant Video.

Amazon Studios launched in 2010 as a new way to develop feature films and episodic series—one that's open to great ideas from creators and audiences around the world. Anyone can upload a script and Amazon Studios will read and review all submissions. Those who choose to make their projects public will also receive feedback from the Amazon Studios community.

Comprehensive cast and crew information, including bios and filmographies, is available on Amazon's IMDb (www.imdb.com), the world's most popular and authoritative source for movie, TV and celebrity content.

About Prime Instant Video

Amazon Prime offers members unlimited One-Day Delivery on over 7 million items, access to 500,000 Kindle books to borrow and unlimited streaming of more than 15,000 popular movies and TV episodes through Prime Instant Video. Prime is available at the low price of £79 a year. Customers who are not already members can start a 30-day free trial of Amazon Prime by visiting www.amazon.co.uk/prime.

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