

## Amazon Prime Instant Video to Debut Jill Soloway's Highly-Anticipated Amazon Original Dark Comedy Transparent on 26th September in the UK and US

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The critically acclaimed show from Jill Solloway and Amazon Studios will land on Amazon Prime Instant Video after members voted for the pilot to be made into a full season as part of Amazon's second pilot season last year

All ten episodes will be available exclusively on Amazon Prime Instant Video for unlimited streaming

Transparent stars Jeffrey Tambor (Arrested Development), Judith Light (Dallas), Gaby Hoffmann (Girls), Amy Landecker (Louie) and Jay Duplass (Togetherness), and is written, directed and executive produced by Soloway (Afternoon Delight, Six Feet Under) Recurring guest stars include Bradley Whitford (The West Wing), Carrie Brownstein (Portlandia), Kathryn Hahn (Parks and Recreation), Melora Hardin (The Office), Alexandra Billings (Grey's Anatomy) and Rob Huebel (Childrens Hospital)



LONDON—27th August 2014 - Amazon today announced it will premiere all ten episodes of the highly-anticipated Jill Soloway Afternoon Delight, Six Feet Under) dark comedy Transparent on Friday the 26th September exclusively on Amazon Prime Instant Video in the UK and US. This Amazon Original production, starring Jeffrey Tambor (Arrested Development), Judith Light (Dallas), Gaby Hoffmann (Girls), Amy Landecker (Louie) and Jay Duplass (Togetherness), Transparent follows the Pfeffermans—a Los Angeles family facing reality for the first time.

Written and directed by Emmy-nominee and 2013 Sundance Best Director winner Soloway, *Transparent* is a ten episode, half hour novelistic series that explores family, sex, and love. The series stars Tambor as Maura, who has spent her life as Mort—the Pfefferman family patriarch. When she reintroduces herself to her family, everyone's secrets finally start to come out. This includes her ex-wife Shelly (played by Light), and their children —meandering Ali (played by Hoffmann), record producer Josh (played by Duplass), and sexually conflicted Sarah (played by Landecker). Each family member spins in a different direction as they begin to figure out who they are.

Amazon Prime members can watch the first episode of Transparent now and the full series from 26th September 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.

"We couldn't be more pleased to offer our customers all episodes of *Transparent* in late September," said Roy Price, Director of Amazon Studios. "Jill has an amazing ability to create deep, engaging and rich stories and characters. We think customers will enjoy this fresh, humorous, and touching series."

"I am beyond excited to share *Transparent* with the world through Amazon. They've been so supportive of me through this incredible process," said Soloway. "Artistically, it's been a dream come true. I got to make the show I wanted to make, and I can't wait for everyone to see it."

Transparent is one of the second wave of original shows from Amazon Studios which were piloted on Amazon Prime Instant Video last year. 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.

Having recently launched its third wave of original pilots Amazon has already produced and made available exclusively to Prime Instant Video members US political series *Alpha Hou*se, Silicon Valley based comedy *Betas* and childrens shows *Annedroids, Creative Galaxy* and *Tumble Leaf.* Upcoming shows include *Transparent, Mozart in the Jungle, Bosch, The After and kids series Gortimer Gibbon's Life on Normal Street* and *Wishenpoof!* All of this in addition to the highly anticipated second series of *Alpha House, Creative Galaxy, Tumble Leaf* and *Annedroids.* 

Recurring guest stars in *Transparent* include Melora Hardin (*The Office*) as Tammy, <u>Bradley Whitford</u> (*The West Wing*) as Marcy, <u>Carrie Brownstein</u> (*Portlandia*) as Syd, <u>Kathryn Hahn</u> (*Parks and Recreation*) as Raquel, <u>Alexandra Billings</u> (*Grey's Anatomy*) as Maura's friend Davina, and Rob Huebel (*Childrens Hospital*) as Len. Guest starring roles include Michaela Watkins as Connie, <u>Kiersey Clemons</u> as Bianca, comedian <u>Ian Harvie</u> as Dale, and <u>Cleo Anthony</u> as Derek. The series is co-Executive Produced by <u>Andrea Sperling</u>, with Supervising Producer <u>Bridget Bedard</u>, Consulting Producers Nisha Ganatra and Rick Rosenthal and Producer <u>Victor Hsu</u>. Episodes were directed by Soloway and Ganatra and written by Soloway, Bedard, <u>Micah Fitzerman-Blue</u>, <u>Noah Harpster</u>, <u>Faith Soloway</u>, <u>Ethan Kuperberg</u> and Ali Liebegott.

## **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 Annecy International Animated Film Festival Award-winning *Tumble Leaf* from Bix Pix Entertainment; *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 (<u>www.imdb.com</u>), 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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