

Amazon Greenlights Second Season of Its Hour-Long Original Drama Series Bosch

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LONDON—18th March 2015—In just one month since its record-breaking debut, Amazon today announced it has greenlit a second season of its first original hour-long drama series *Bosch*. Based on <u>Michael Connelly's</u> internationally best-selling Harry Bosch book series with nearly 50 million copies sold, *Bosch* has achieved the biggest debut weekend among all Amazon Original Series and is the most-watched title on Amazon Prime Instant Video, across movies and TV series in its first four weeks. *Bosch* currently has an Amazon customer rating of 4.8/5 stars. Season two will be drawn from Connelly's bestselling novels *Trunk Music* and *The Drop*. Returning to the series are stars <u>Titus Welliver</u> (*Lost, The Good Wife, Sons of Anarchy*) as Harry Bosch, Jamie Hector (*The Wire*) as his partner Jerry Edgar, <u>Amy Aquino</u> (*Being Human*) as Lt. Grace Billets, <u>Lance Reddick</u> (*Fringe, The Wire*) as Deputy Chief Irvin Irving, and <u>Sarah Clarke</u> (*24*) as Eleanor Wish. The series was developed for television by <u>Eric Overmyer</u> (*Treme, The Wire, Homicide: Life on the Streets*) and is Executive Produced by Overmyer, Connelly, <u>Henrik Bastin</u> (*The Killing, Odyssey, The Comedians*) and <u>Pieter Jan Brugge</u> (*Heat, The Insider, The Clearing*).

"We're delighted to see that Amazon customers have immediately embraced *Bosch*," said Roy Price, Vice President, Amazon Studios. "Fans will soon be able to enjoy more of this inspired adaptation brought to life by a remarkably gifted cast."

"I am very excited about continuing the Bosch story with season two," said Michael Connelly. "I love what we started with and I think our plans for the second season will make the show even better and more exploratory of the character of Harry Bosch. We have a great cast and crew and we are all going to be one year better at this. I can't wait."

"It is great news that the huge success of the first season on Amazon has led to this swift recommission," said Henrik Pabst, Managing Director at Red Arrow International. "The response from international broadcasters, viewers and the press has been unprecedented, and we are excited about the ongoing future of this new crime franchise, and enjoying its success with Amazon. Congratulations to everyone involved." In the second season of *Bosch*, the relentless LAPD detective will investigate the murder of a Hollywood producer who laundered money for the mob. He will also pursue serial killer Chilton Hardy and the investigations take Bosch from the Hollywood Hills down through the gritty back streets of L.A. and Las Vegas, threatening those closest to him—his teenage daughter and ex-wife. There have been 19 Harry Bosch novels published since 1992, including 2014's number-one bestseller *The Burning Room*.

The second series of *Bosch* will be available to stream on more than 400 devices, including Fire tablets, iPad, iPhone, <u>Amazon Fire Phone</u>, <u>Amazon Fire Phone</u>, <u>Amazon Fire TV</u>, Xbox, PlayStation, Wii and Wii U, amongst others, and online at <u>www.amazon.co.uk/PlV</u>.

Millions of Amazon Prime members in the UK benefit from unlimited One-Day Delivery on over 7 million items, unlimited photo storage on the Amazon Could Drive, access to unlimited streaming of more than 15,000 popular movies and TV episodes through Prime Instant Video, the UK's largest streaming service, and over 650,000 Kindle titles to borrow for free from the Kindle Owners' Lending Library, all for just £79 a year.

Those who are not already Prime members can sign up for a 30-day free trial at <u>www.amazon.co.uk/prime</u>.

Here is what UK customers said about the first season of Bosch:

- "I cannot recommend this series enough and I hope Amazon hear from the silent masses of people who don't get to write a review but enjoyed it all the same. This is superb TV. Thank YOU... PLEASE PLEASE... make another and another Series." 5 stars
- "Fantastic series, true to the book, well-acted and well-cast.....a must see.....kept me hooked right until the end......please make series two soon!" 5 stars
- "Was hooked on this show for 12 hours really loved it and would recommend it to anyone. Hope it gets picked up for season 2. Can't wait." 5 stars
- "Binge watched series one over the weekend. Felt true to the character of Harry B. Looking forward to series two already." 5 stars
- "Now one of my favourite TV series, can't wait for a second season." 5 stars

What critics are saying about Bosch:

- "The first season of the cracking show draws on material from three Connelly books: Concrete Blonde, Echo Park and City Of Bones...I've seen the first four of ten episodes and can't wait to see the rest!**Baz Bamigboye, The Daily Mail**
- "Bosch has to be considered one of, if not the, best efforts Amazon has put forward in its venture into television programming." Ken Tucker, Yahoo! TV
- "You can see why a hero called Hieronymus "Harry" Bosch fits into the post-True Detective television zeitgeist, for as his name suggests this is a TV cop with literary-philosophical dimensions/pretensions; he's an LAPD homicide detective given to quoting Kurt Vonnegut, lamenting, Chandler-style, the passing of old Los Angeles in the sort of growly basso profundo that we haven't heard since the days of Robert Mitchum." The Independent
- "Bosch's gritty moral shades of grey will remind fans of The Wire and Homicide: Life on the Street, which is no coincidence since Eric Overmyer, who worked on those shows, serves as one of the executive producers." Digital Spy

About Amazon Studios

The second season of *Bosch* will join other Amazon Original Series that include *Mozart in the Jungle*, from Roman Coppola, Jason Schwartzman, and Paul Weitz, Jill Soloway's multi-Golden Globe Award-winning dark comedy *Transparent*, along with the second season of the Garry Trudeau political comedy *Alpha House*. The studio has also launched its first live-action series for kids 6-11, *Gortimer Gibbon's Life on Normal Street* and three additional children's series, the Annecy International Animated Film Festival Award-winning and Annie Award-winning *Tumble Leaf* from Bix Pix Entertainment; *Creative Galaxy* from Angela C. Santomero and Out of the Blue Enterprises, the creators of *Blue's Clues*; and *Annedroids*, from Emmy nominated Sinking Ship Entertainment.

Amazon Studios has also announced eight additional, original series will premiere in 2015 and early 2016 exclusively on Prime Instant Video including Hand of God, Mad Dogs, The Man in the High Castle, docu-series The New Yorker Presents, Red Oaks, a second season of Transparent, as well as kids series Wishenpoof!, Just Add Magic, and The Stinky & Dirty Show.

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 online and Amazon Studios will read and review all submissions. Those who choose to make their projects public can also receive feedback from the Amazon Studios community.

About Prime Instant Video

Amazon Prime Instant Video is the UK's largest online video streaming service, offering subscriber's unlimited access to over 15,000 popular movies and TV episodes. As well as exclusive TV and film content, such as *The Walking Dead*, *Vikings*, *Life of Pi* and *Django Unchained*, Amazon Prime Instant Video is the only place to watch critically acclaimed Amazon Original shows, such as 2015 Golden Globe winning TV Series *Transparent* and critically acclaimed *Mozart in the Jungle* and *Ripper Street Season 3*. Amazon Prime Instant Video also offers customers unprecedented picture clarity with Amazon Original shows available for unlimited streaming in Ultra HD at no extra cost on compatible Sony, Samsung and LG Ultra HD smart TVs.

Amazon Prime Instant Video is available on more than 400 devices, including Fire tablets, iPad, iPhone, Xbox, PlayStation, Wii and Wii U, amongst others and is accessible both on-the-go and from the comfort of customers' homes, through <u>Amazon Fire Phone</u> and on <u>Amazon Fire TV</u>. Amazon Prime Instant Video is available at no extra cost to Prime members, who also benefit from unlimited One-Day Delivery on over 7 million items,

unlimited photo storage in Amazon Cloud Drive and access to 650,000 Kindle books to borrow.

Customers who are not already members can start a 30-day free trial of Amazon Prime by visiting <u>www.amazon.co.uk/prime</u>. For more information about Prime Instant Video, visit <u>www.amazon.co.uk/PIV</u>.

About Amazon

Amazon.com opened on the World Wide Web in July 1995. The company is guided by four principles: customer obsession rather than competitor focus, passion for invention, commitment to operational excellence, and long-term thinking. Customer reviews, 1-Click shopping, personalised recommendations, Prime, Fulfillment by Amazon, AWS, Kindle Direct Publishing, Kindle, Fire phone, Fire tablets, and Fire TV are some of the products and services pioneered by Amazon.

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Red Arrow International is a major co-producer of global entertainment, providing substantial production financing for scripted and non-scripted projects. Recent international highlights include: "Bosch" (Amazon), "Lilyhammer" (Netflix); "Married at First Sight" (FYI); and "The Taste" (ABC).

With offices in Munich, Los Angeles and Hong Kong, Red Arrow International has a truly global reach and distributes acclaimed, quality content to over 200 territories worldwide.

Led by Henrik Pabst, Red Arrow International is part of Red Arrow Entertainment Group, made up of 13 production companies across 7 countries; the Los Angeles based MCN, Collective Digital Studios; and creative partnerships and joint ventures with STV, Screenz, Sync Media and United Artists Media Group (Mark Burnett / Hearst).

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