

Amazon Announces Line-up for its 2015 Autumn Pilot Season

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Following Amazon's five Primetime Emmy wins, six pilots will launch from acclaimed creators Shane Black (Lethal Weapon, Iron Man 3), Louis CK (Louie), Diablo Cody (Juno), Sacha Baron Cohen (The Dictator), Steven Conrad (The Secret Life of Walter Mitty), Jonathan Dayton & Valerie Faris (Little Miss Sunshine), Nicole Holofcener (Enough Said), Bob Nelson (Nebraska), Tig Notaro (Boyish Girl Interrupted), Christine Vachon (Still Alice), and Nicole Yorkin & Dawn Prestwich (The Killing)

Shows feature noted talent including Anna Camp (Pitch Perfect), Flea (The Big Lebowski), Ryan Kwanten (True Blood), Shaquille O'Neal (Blended), Terry O'Quinn (Lost), Chris Parnell (Saturday Night Live), Mary Lynn Rajskub (24), Christina Ricci (Monster), and David Strathairn (The Bourne Ultimatum)



Anna Camp as Jane Hollander and Daniel Eric Gold as Sam Rosenberg in Amazon's original drama pilot Good Girls Revolt

London 23rd September 2015 —Amazon today announced the line-up for its Autumn pilot season which is scheduled to debut later this year exclusively on Amazon Video in the UK, US, Germany and Austria. Amazon customers will find a wide-range of genres in this latest slate of pilots ranging from *Good Girls Revolt*, a powerful story set in 1969 about a group of young women seeking to be treated fairly and ultimately sparking changes that upend marriages, careers, love and friendship; *Z*, a half-hour bio-series pilot of Lost Generation legend Zelda Sayre Fitzgerald and her passionate love affair with iconic author F. Scott Fitzgerald; *Highston*, a family comedy about invisible celebrity friendships to *Edge: The Loner*, a western set in the post-Civil War era where one cowboy doles out his own savage brand of justice; and more.

Amazon customers will once again be invited to watch and provide feedback on the shows they want to see turned into full series for Prime members. All pilots will be available later this year through over 400 devices, including <u>Amazon Fire TV, Fire TV Stick, Fire tablets, iPad, Android tablets, iPhone, Amazon Fire Phone, Android phones Xbox, PlayStation, Wii and Wii U, and through the web at <u>www.amazon.co.uk/primevideo</u>.</u>

The new half-hour pilots premiering later this year include *Highston* from <u>Bob Nelson</u> (*Nebraska*), Directors <u>Jonathan Dayton</u> & <u>Valerie Faris</u> (*Little Miss Sunshine*) and Executive Producer <u>Sacha Baron Cohen</u> (*The Dictator*); *One Mississippi* from Executive Producers <u>Louis CK</u> (*Louie*), <u>Tig Notaro</u> (*Boyish Girl Interrupted*), <u>Diablo Cody</u> (*Juno*) and Executive Producer/Director <u>Nicole Holofcener</u> (*Enough Said*); and <u>Zfrom Dawn Prestwich</u> (*The Killing*) and <u>Nicole Yorkin</u> (*The Killing*), produced by <u>Pam Koffler</u> and <u>Christine Vachon</u> (*Still Alice*) and directed by <u>Tim Blake Nelson</u> (*Anesthesia*). The hour-long pilots will include *Edge: The Loner* from <u>Shane Black</u> (*Lethal Weapon, Iron Man 3*) and <u>Fred Dekker</u> (*Tales from the*

Crypt, Star Trek: Enterprise); Good Girls Revolt written by <u>Dana Calvo</u> (Made in Jersey); and Patriot (working title) from <u>Steven Conrad</u> (The Secret Life of Walter Mitty, The Weather Man).

As well, these pilots feature notable actors including Anna Camp (*Pitch Perfect*), Flea (*The Big Lebowski*), Ryan Kwanten (*True Blood*), Shaquille O'Neal (*Blended*), Terry O'Quinn (*Lost*), Chris Parnell (*Saturday Night Live*), Mary Lynn Rajskub (*24*), Christina Ricci (*Monster*), and David Strathairn (*The Bourne Ultimatum*).

"Our latest pilot season brings together a diverse group of shows that we think customers will really enjoy," said Roy Price, Vice President, Amazon Studios. "We have something for everyone in this season and I am excited to see which shows spark conversation amongst our customers and what they want to be made into series."

Amazon's fall pilot season includes the following shows:

Edge: The Loner

Based on George G. Gilman's best-selling book series of the same name, which has been described as "the most violent western in print," Edge: The Loner showcases the sly, raw power of the western genre. Set in 1868, Max Martini (Pacific Rim, Captain Phillips) stars as Josiah 'Edge' Hedges—a Union officer turned cowboy, who prowls the post-Civil War American West doling out his own peculiar (and savage) brand of justice. When we meet Edge in the pilot, his mission is personal and his vengeance hath no fury. Edge: The Loner also stars Ryan Kwanten (True Blood) as Merritt Harknett, and Yvonne Strahovski (The Astronaut Wives Club, Chuck) as Beth. Edge: The Loner was developed by Shane Black (Lethal Weapon, Iron Man 3) and Fred Dekker (Tales from the Crypt, Star Trek: Enterprise), teleplay by Dekker and Black, is directed by Black, and executive produced by Black, Dekker, Barry Josephson (Bones, Turn: Washington Spies), and David Greenblatt (Battle Los Angeles).

Good Girls Revolt

In 1969, while a cultural revolution with a soundtrack to match swept through the free world, there was still one place that refused to change with the times: newsrooms. Good Girls Revolt follows a group of young female researchers at "News of the Week," who simply ask to be treated fairly. Their revolutionary request will spark convulsive changes and upend marriages, careers, sex lives, love lives, and friendships. Good Girls Revolt stars Genevieve Angelson (Backstrom) as Patti, Anna Camp (Pitch Perfect) as Jane, Erin Darke (We Need to Talk About Kevin) as Cindy, Chris Diamantopoulos (Silicon Valley) as Finn, Hunter Parrish (Weeds) as Doug, Jim Belushi (Show Me a Hero) as Wick McFadden, Joy Bryant (Parenthood) as Eleanor Holmes Norton, and Grace Gummer as Nora Ephron. A co-production with TriStar Television, Good Girls Revolt is written and created by Dana Calvo (Made in Jersey), directed by Liza Johnson (Return), and executive produced by Calvo, Lynda Obst (Interstellar), Darlene Hunt (The Big C), Don Kurt (Justified) and Jeff Okin (Dark Skies, Stanley Park). The pilot is inspired by the landmark sexual discrimination cases chronicled in Lynn Povich's book, The Good Girls Revolt.

Highston

Highston Liggetts (newcomer Lewis Pullman) is a 19-year-old with a wide circle of celebrity friends—that only he can see. His parents, Jean Mary Lynn Raiskub, 24), and Wilbur (Chris Parnell, Saturday Night Live) force him to get psychiatric help, but his Uncle Billy (Curtis Armstrong, American Dad!) thinks he's just fine. Highston is a comedy about what it means to be normal in a world that's anything but. The pilot guest stars Shaquille O'Neal (Thunderstruck) and Flea (The Big Lewbowski), and is written by Oscar-nominee Bob Nelson (Nebraska), directed by Independent Spirit Award winners Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris (Little Miss Sunshine), and executive produced by Sacha Baron Cohen (The Dictator), Todd Hoffman (Love Stinks), Nelson, and Todd Schulman (Bruno).

One Mississippi

A dark comedy, loosely inspired by Tig Notaro's (Boyish Girl Interrupted) life, One Mississippi follows Tig as she deals with the complex reentry into her childhood hometown of Bay Saint Lucille, Mississippi, to deal with the unexpected death of her mother, the interminable life of the party, Caroline. Reeling from her own recently declining health, Tig struggles to find her footing with the loss of the one person who actually understood her, with help from her older but not always wiser brother, Remy, played by Noah Harpster (Transparent), and her emotionally distant stepfather, Bill, played by John Rothman (The Devil Wears Prada). A surprise visit from Tig's girlfriend, Brooke, played by Casey Wilson (Gone Girl) only compounds the reality of how out of place Tig is in a world without her mother. A co-production with FX Productions, One Mississippi is written and executive produced by Notaro and Diablo Cody (Juno), executive produced by Louis CK (Louie), Blair Breard (Louie), and Dave Becky (Everybody Hates Chris), with pilot directed and executive produced by Nicole Holofcener (Enough Said).

<u>Patriot</u>

The political thriller *Patriot* follows the complicated life of intelligence officer John Tavner (Australian newcomer Michael Dorman, Wonderland). His latest assignment is to prevent Iran from going nuclear, requiring him to forgo all safety nets and assume a perilous "non-official cover" -- that of a mid-level employee at a Midwestern industrial piping firm. A bout with PTSD, the Federal government's incompetence, and the intricacies of keeping a day job in the "front" industrial piping company, cause a barrage of ever-escalating fiascos that jeopardise Tavner's mission. The pilot also stars Terry O'Quinn (Lost) as Tom Tavner, John's State Department Director of Intelligence father, Michael Chernus (Manhattan Project), as John's older brother Edward Tavner, a young Texas congressman, Kathleen Munroe (Call Me Fitz), as John's wife Alice, Aliette Opheim (Sandor slash Ida) as Agathe, a brilliant young homicide detective from Luxembourg hot on John's trail, and Kurtwood Smith (That 70s Show) as Mr. Claret, John's stickler of a new "boss" at the piping firm. Patriot is written and directed by Steven Conrad (The Secret Life of Walter Mitty, The Weather Man), and executive produced by Conrad, Gil Bellows (Temple Grandin), Glen Ficarra (Crazy Stupid Love, Focus), Charlie Gogolak (Focus), and John Requa (Crazy Stupid Love, Focus).

z

Zis a bio-series pilot based on the life of Zelda Sayre Fitzgerald, the brilliant, beautiful and talented Southern Belle who becomes the original flapper and icon of the wild, flamboyant Jazz Age in the 20s. Starring Christina Ricci (Monster) as Zelda Sayre, Z starts before she meets the unpublished writer F. Scott Fitzgerald (Gavin Stenhouse, Allegiance), and moves through their passionate, turbulent love affair and their marriage—made in heaven, lived out in hell as the celebrity couple of their time. The series travels through the wild parties, the wicked jazz, the dissolute artists of the era, as well as the alcoholism, adultery and struggle with dashed dreams and mental illness that characterises their later years. Z dives into the fascinating life of a woman ahead of her time, an artist determined to establish her own identity in the tempestuous wake of a world-famous husband. The show pulls back the curtain on her triumphs and dark secrets. It's a modern take on one of the most notorious love stories of all time, played out in salons and speak-easies from Montgomery, Alabama to the Cote D'Azur. Z is written by Dawn Prestwich (The Killing) and Nicole Yorkin (The Killing), directed by Tim Blake Nelson (Anesthesia), and executive produced by Pamela Koffler (Still Alice) and Christine Vachon (One Hour Photo)

of Killer Films, as well as Ricci. The show also guest stars <u>David Strathairn</u> (*Good Night and Good Luck*) as Judge Anthony Dickerson Sayre, <u>Kristine Nielsen</u> (*Savages*) as Minnie Sayre, <u>Maya Kazan</u> (*The Knick*) as Livye Hart, <u>Sarah Schenkkan</u> (*30 Rock*) as Eleanor Browder, <u>Jamie Anne Allman</u> (*The Killing*) as Tootsie Sayre, and <u>Holly Curran</u> (*Alpha House*) as Tilde Sayre.

About Amazon Prime Video

Prime 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 *Extant, Outlander, Vikings, Divergent, Paddington* and *The Imitation Game,* Prime Video is the only place to watch critically acclaimed Amazon Original shows, such as 2015 Golden Globe and Emmy award winning TV Series *Transparent* and *Hand of God, Mozart in the Jungle* and *Ripper Street Season 3.* Prime 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.

Prime Video is available on more than 400 devices, including <u>Amazon Fire TV</u> and <u>Fire TV Stick, Fire tablets</u>, iPad, Android tablets, iPhone, <u>Amazon Fire Phone</u>, Android phones Xbox, PlayStation, Wii and Wii U, and through the web at <u>www.amazon.co.uk/PIV</u>. Prime Video titles can also be downloaded for offline enjoyment on iPhones, iPads, Android phones and tablets and Fire devices at no additional charge —the only subscription streaming service to offer this functionality.

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