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The New Mexico Film Office Announces WGN America's Critically Acclaimed Series 'Manhattan' Has Started Film Production on its Second Season in Santa Fe

SANTA FE, NM — New Mexico Film Office Director Nick Maniatis announced today that the second season of WGN America's hit drama series "Manhattan," produced by Lionsgate Television, Skydance Television and Tribune Studios, has begun filming in Santa Fe. Production will continue through the end of July, and employ more than 120 New Mexico crew members and approximately 2,800 New Mexico background extras throughout the season. Created and written by Sam Shaw and directed by Emmy Award®-winning director Thomas Schlamme, "Manhattan" will premiere its sophomore season this fall on WGN America.

"I could not be more excited about the return of 'Manhattan' to Santa Fe," said Mayor Javier M. Gonzales. "With each new season we continue to grow our skilled workforce and film economy. Welcome 'Manhattan!'"

The season two ensemble cast of "Manhattan" includes: Emmy®-nominated actor John Benjamin Hickey ("The Big C," "The Good Wife") as Frank Winter, a brilliant and conflicted physicist who helped design the world's first weapon of mass destruction and who's now beginning to question how it will be used; Olivia Williams ("Rushmore," "The Ghost Writer") as his wife, Liza Winter, an accomplished scientist in her own right who battles the Hill's draconian security state presided over by Col. Emmett Darrow, the new ranking military officer played by Golden Globe-nominated actor William Petersen ("CSI: Crime Scene Investigation"); Ashley Zukerman ("Rush") and Rachel Brosnahan ("House of Cards"), who play Charlie and Abby Isaacs, a young couple who will both embrace and struggle with their unexpected new power on The Hill; along with Katja Herbers ("The Americans," "De Storm") as Helen Prins; Christopher Denham ("Argo," "Shutter Island") as Jim Meeks; Harry Lloyd ("Game of Thrones") as Paul Crosley; Michael Chernus ("The Big C," "Orange Is The New Black") as Louis "Fritz" Fedowitz; and Daniel Stern ("Home Alone," "Home Alone 2") as Glen Babbit. Mamie Gummer ("The Good Wife," "Cake") will join the season two cast as Nora, a member of the Women's Army Corps who undergoes a political awakening when she's assigned to a post at Los Alamos.

"Manhattan" is executive produced by Sam Shaw, Thomas Schlamme, David Ellison, Dana Goldberg, Marcy Ross and Dustin Thomason.

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