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The New Mexico Film Office Announces USA Network's "Briarpatch" to film in New Mexico

SANTA FE, N.M. The New Mexico State Film Office today announced that the USA Network television series, "Briarpatch" produced by UCP (Universal Content Productions) and Paramount Television will begin principal photography mid-June through the end of September in Albuquerque.

Starring Rosario Dawson, who will also serve as a producer, the production will employ approximately 100 New Mexico crew members and 250-350 New Mexico background talent per episode.

"Briarpatch" follows Allegra Dill (Dawson), a dogged investigator returning to her border-town Texas home after her sister is murdered. What begins as a search for a killer turns into an all-consuming fight to bring her corrupt hometown to its knees. The season celebrates the beloved genres represented by Thomas' book -- a stylish blend of crime and pulp fiction -- while updating his sense of fun, danger and place for a new generation.

Based on the Ross Thomas novel of the same name, "Briarpatch" is written for television by Andy Greenwald, who will executive produce along with "Mr. Robot" creator Sam Esmail through his production company Esmail Corp and Anonymous Content's Chad Hamilton. The series also stars Jay R. Ferguson ("Mad Men," "The Romanoffs"), Brian Geraghty ("Chicago P.D.," "Ray Donovan") and Edi Gathegi ("StartUp").

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About Universal Content Productions (UCP)

UCP is a premium content studio that operates with a highly curated indie sensibility, while simultaneously leveraging the power and scale of NBCUniversal. As fierce advocates for creators with an eclectic point of view, the UCP team develops pioneering and award-winning scripted programming with partners such as Amazon ("Homecoming"), Netflix ("The Umbrella Academy"), Hulu ("The Act") and YouTube ("Impulse"), as well as NBCUniversal's Bravo ("Dirty John"), USA ("Mr. Robot," "The Sinner," "The Purge," "Suits") and SYFY ("Happy!," "The Magicians"). UCP's content library also features more than 800 hours of award-winning and critically-acclaimed content, including "Monk," "Battlestar Galactica" and "Psych."

About Paramount Television

Paramount Television is a leading studio, developing and financing a wide range of cutting-edge and entertaining television content across all media platforms for distribution worldwide. The studio's robust slate includes Tom Clancy's "Jack Ryan" (Amazon), "13 Reasons Why" (Netflix), "Maniac" (Netflix), "Berlin Station" (EPIX), "The Alienist" (TNT), "The Angel of Darkness" (TNT), "The Haunting of Hill House"

(Netflix), “Catch-22” (Hulu), “First Wives Club” (BET), “Looking for Alaska” (Hulu), “Boomerang” (BET), “Dream Team” (BET), “Briarpatch” (USA) and “Home Before Dark” (Apple), among others. Paramount Television is part of Paramount Pictures Corporation (PPC), a global producer and distributor of filmed entertainment. PPC is a subsidiary of Viacom (NASDAQ: VIAB, VIA), a global content company with premier television, film and digital entertainment brands.