

healthy slate of fall tv New shows readied, but no action on the sets yet

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Highlight: Annaleigh Ashford and Thomas Middleditch star in "B Positive." Other fall entertainment on the small screen will include (clockwise from above) Kylie Bunbury in "The Big Sky," Kim Cattrall and Aubrey Dollar in "Filthy Rich," (from l.) John Slattery, Fernanda Andrade and Jason Butler Harner in "neXt" and Tyler Hochelin in "Superman & Lois." Annaleigh Ashford and Thomas

Body

Despite the havoc the coronavirus pandemic has wreaked on television production, fall TV marches on.

Here's a look at the shows booked for the 2020-21 season, though it's not clear when - or whether - actors will be able to return to their respective sets.

ABC

"The Big Sky"

"Pitch" alum Kylie Bunbury takes off the baseball uniform and puts on a cop's outfit in "The Big Sky," David E. Kelley's drama about private detective Cassie Dewell (Bunbury), who partners with ex-cop Jenny Hoyt (Katheryn Winnick) on a search for two sisters who have been kidnapped by a truck driver on a remote highway in Montana. As it turns out, these two are not the only missing girls.

Who: Kylie Bunbury, Katheryn Winnick, Ryan Phillippe, Brian Geraghty, John Carroll Lynch, Dedee Pfeiffer and Natalie Alyn Lind

CBS

"B Positive"

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Chuck Lorre just can't stay away from CBS, this time bringing a comedy about a therapist and newly divorced dad (Thomas Middleditch) who is struggling to find a kidney donor when he runs into a "rough-around-the-edges woman from his past" (Annaleigh Ashford) willing to volunteer her own.

Who: Thomas Middleditch, Annaleigh Ashford, Kether Donohue, Sara Rue and Kamryn Kunody

"Clarice"

Six months after "Silence of the Lambs," "Clarice" picks up with everyone's favorite FBI agent, Clarice Starling (Rebecca Breeds, "Pretty Little Liars"), for a more personal look at Hannibal Lecter's almost-victim as she goes back into the field.

Who: Rebecca Breeds, Kal Penn, Nick Sandow, Michael Cudlitz, Lucca De Oliveira and Devyn A. Tyler

"The Equalizer"

Based on the 1980s series of the same name, "The Equalizer" stars Queen Latifah as "an enigmatic woman with a mysterious background who uses her extensive skills to help those with nowhere else to turn." In the original series, that meant a retired intelligence agent who helped helpless people exact revenge. In the 2014 movie starring Denzel Washington, the bad guys were bad cops. But CBS is playing coy for now.

Who: Queen Latifah, Chris Noth, Lorraine Toussaint, Tory Kittles, Liza Lapira and Laya DeLeon Hayes

Fox

"Filthy Rich"

Originally a midseason 2019 series that kept getting pushed back, "Filthy Rich" is back on the schedule. Kim Cattrall stars as the wife of a megarich founder of an ultraconservative Christian television network who dies suddenly in a plane crash. His death brings out a will, which includes three illegitimate children, all of whom want a part of his fortune.

Who: Kim Cattrall, Gerald McRaney, Aubrey Dollar, Corey Cott, Mark L. Young and Aaron Lazar

"neXt"

Another show that's been shuffled from season to season, "neXt" finds a Silicon Valley whiz (John Slattery) trying to stop his own AI creation from destroying the world as he predicts it will.

Who: John Slattery, Fernanda Andrade, Michael Mosley, Jason Butler Harner, Eve Harlow, Aaron Moten, Gerardo Celasco, Elizabeth Cappuccino and Evan Whitten

NBC

"The Kenan Show"

Pushed back from last year to give creator Kenan Thompson "time to create a show he wants," per NBC Chairman of Entertainment Paul Telegdy, "The Kenan Show" stars the "Saturday Night Live" funnyman as the newly widowed dad of two daughters who constantly finds himself at odds with his father-in-law.

Who: Kenan Thompson, Andy Garcia and Punam Patel

"Mr. Mayor"

Ted Danson moves from the Good Place to Los Angeles, where he plays a mayor fighting for legitimacy and against his teenage daughter in "Mr. Mayor," from Tina Fey and Robert Carlock.

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Who: Ted Danson, Holly Hunter, Bobby Moynihan, Mike Cabellon, Vella Lovell and Kyla Kenedy

"Young Rock"

In a relatively self-explanatory series, "Young Rock" hearkens back to the childhood of The Rock, starring Dwayne Johnson.

Who: Dwayne Johnson

The CW

"Kung Fu"

A young Chinese-American woman (Olivia Liang) flees to a monastery in China during her quarter-life crisis, only to find her hometown overrun by crime and mayhem. Using what she learned at the monastery, including martial arts, she fights to restore order and hunt the assassin who killed her Shaolin mentor and is now targeting her. "Kung Fu" will mark producer Greg Berlanti's 10th project on the air at The CW.

Who: Olivia Liang, Jon Prasida, Shannon Dang, Eddie Liu, Tzi Ma, Kheng Hua Tan, Gavin Stenhouse and Gwendoline Yeo

"The Republic of Sarah"

Redeveloped from a failed project last year, "The Republic of Sarah" revolves around a rebellious high school teacher Sarah Cooper (Stella Baker) who uses an obscure cartographic loophole to declare independence from her town after it's destroyed by a mining company. She's left to start over from scratch.

Who: Stella Baker, Nia Holloway, Luke Mitchell, Izabella Alvarez, Hope Lauren, Ian Duff, Forrest Goodluck, Landry Bender and Megan Follows

"Superman & Lois"

The CW doubles down on the Arrowverse with a spinoff about Clark Kent and Lois Lane, the most famous superhero and fictional journalist, and their day-to-day lives.

Who: Tyler Hoechlin, Elizabeth Tulloch, Dylan Walsh, Emmanuelle Chriqui, Erik Valdez, Jordan Elsass and Alexander Garfin

"Walker"

Jared Padalecki returns to the CW after 15 seasons of "Supernatural" for a reboot of "Walker, Texas Ranger," playing Cordell Walker, "a widower and father of two with his own moral code, who returns home to Austin after being undercover for two years." The twist: Walker has a female partner.

Who: Jared Padalecki, Lindsey Morgan, Keegan Allen, Mitch Pileggi, Molly Hagan, Coby Bell and Jeff Pierre

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