

= Adventure Time (season 2) =

The second season of the American animated television series Adventure Time , created by Pendleton Ward , originally aired on Cartoon Network in the United States . The series is based on a short produced for Frederator 's Nicktoons Network animation incubator series Random ! Cartoons . The season debuted on October 11 , 2010 , and the season finale was aired on May 2 , 2011 . The season follows the adventures of Finn , a human boy , and his best friend Jake , a dog with magical powers to change shape and grow and shrink at will . Finn and Jake live in the post @-@ apocalyptic Land of Ooo . Along the way , they interact with the other main characters of the show : Princess Bubblegum , The Ice King , and Marceline the Vampire Queen .

The first episode of the season , " It Came from the Nightosphere " was watched by 2 @.@ 001 million viewers ; this marked a decrease in viewers watching Cartoon Network when compared to the previous season 's debut , although it marked an increase when compared to the previous season 's finale . The season ended with the episode " Heat Signature " on May 9 , 2011 . It was viewed by 1 @.@ 975 million viewers , which marked an increase from the first season finale . The season was originally supposed to end with the cliffhanger two @-@ parter " Mortal Folly " / " Mortal Recoil " , but due to a scheduling error , " Heat Signature " was the last episode to air for the season . In 2011 , Adventure Time was nominated for an Annie Award , and the episode " It Came from the Nightosphere " was nominated for a Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Short @-@ format Animated Program . The series nor the episode won , however .

After the success of the first , a second season of Adventure Time was quickly ordered . However , the beginning of the series debuted under production constraints and " It Came from the Nightosphere " aired after just barely being finished . The season was storyboarded and written by Adam Muto , Rebecca Sugar , Kent Osborne , Somvilay Xayaphone , Cole Sanchez , Benton Connor , Jesse Moynihan , Ako Castuera , and Tom Herpich , while being produced by Cartoon Network Studios and Frederator Studios . Several compilation DVDs that contained episodes from the season were released after the season finished airing . The full season set was released on June 4 , 2013 on DVD and Blu @-@ ray .

= = Development = =

= = = Concept = = =

The season follows the adventures of Finn the Human , a human boy , and his best friend Jake , a dog with magical powers to change shape and grow and shrink at will . Finn and Jake live in the post @-@ apocalyptic Land of Ooo . Along the way , they interact with the other main characters of the show : Princess Bubblegum , The Ice King , and Marceline the Vampire Queen . Common storylines revolve around : Finn and Jake discovering strange creatures , battling the Ice King , and battling monsters in order to help others . Various other episodes deal with Finn attempting to understand his attraction towards Bubblegum .

= = = Production = = =

After Adventure Time debuted on April 5 , 2010 , with " Slumber Party Panic " and " Trouble in Lumpy Space " , the series was quickly renewed for a second season of 26 eleven @-@ minute segments . Around August 2010 , the writing for the second season was finished , and the production staff had started to receive bits of animation from the show 's overseas animation staff . The first episode to enter into production was " Loyalty to the King " , based on its production code . However , it was later temporarily shelved , and aired as the season 's third episode . The third episode produced , " It Came from the Nightosphere " , was instead chosen to open the season . When the network announced the start of season two , the episode was not finished . On the official Frederator site , contributor Eric Homan noted that he would " prefer [that the series] stock up on a

few episodes before jumping into season two , but it ain 't my network " . The episode was the first episode storyboarded by Rebecca Sugar . During the network pitch of the episode , Ward beatboxed and Sugar played ukulele and the two performed " The Fry Song " . Sugar later called the experience " super terrifying " , although the network did green @-@ light the episode .

This season 's episodes were produced in a process similar to the first season 's episodes . First , all of the episodes began as simple two @-@ to @-@ three @-@ page outline that contained the necessary plot information . These outlines were then handed off to storyboard artists , who would then expand the rough outline into a full storyboard . The episodes ' design and coloring were done in Burbank , California . Animation was handled overseas in South Korea , either by Rough Draft Korea or by Saerom Animation . Although almost all of the animation used in the series is rendered through hand drawing each frame , this is not always the case . For instance , the sixteenth episode , " Guardians of Sunshine " , featured roughly 5 minutes of 3 @-@ D animation that emulated the style of 8 @-@ bit video games . For these segments , the series asked animator Ke Jiang for assistance ; she single @-@ handedly " modeled , rigged and animated " the sequence . The Marvelous Misadventures of Flapjack creator Thurop Van Orman was brought in to work on the season as supervising producer and outline writer when his show entered a hiatus , but left shortly after Flapjack wrapped up production in order to concentrate on other projects .

The season was storyboarded and written by Adam Muto , Sugar , Kent Osborne , Somvilay Xayaphone , Cole Sanchez , Benton Connor , Jesse Moynihan , Ako Castuera , and Tom Herpich . Conner had just finished a job working on the series The Marvelous Misadventures of Flapjack and had subsequently taken on a job as a storyboard artist for Regular Show . However , due to scheduling delays , he was free to work on two episodes of Adventure Time ? " Blood Under the Skin " and " Slow Love " ? as a freelance storyboard artist . The season was produced by Cartoon Network Studios and Frederator Studios . The season was the last to feature creative director Patrick McHale in a full @-@ time capacity . He was still credited with being part of the story writing team with the premiere of season three , but his level of contribution was more limited than it had been for the first two seasons .

= = Cast = =

The voice actors include voice acting veterans John DiMaggio (who portrays Jake the Dog) , Tom Kenny (who plays The Ice King) , and Hynden Walch (who voices Princess Bubblegum) . In addition , Jeremy Shada portrays the voice of Finn the Human , and Olivia Olson portrays Marceline the Vampire Queen . Ward himself provides the voice for several minor characters , as well as Lumpy Space Princess . Former storyboard artist Niki Yang voices the sentient video game console BMO , as well as Jake 's girlfriend Lady Rainicorn in Korean . Polly Lou Livingston , a friend of Pendleton Ward 's mother , Bettie Ward , plays the voice of the small elephant Tree Trunks . Season two would also introduce The Lich , the series principal antagonist in the episode " Mortal Folly " . The Lich is portrayed by Ron Perlman . The Adventure Time cast records their lines together in group recordings as opposed to different recording sessions with each voice actor . This is to record more natural sounding dialogue among the characters . Hynden Walch has described these group recordings as akin to " doing a play reading ? a really , really out there play . "

The series also regularly employs guest voices for various characters . For instance , in the episode " It Came from the Nightosphere " , Martin Olson ? Olivia Olson 's real @-@ life father ? appears as Marceline 's father , Hunson Abadeer . Peter Stormare appears as Sir Slicer in the episode " Blood Under the Skin " . In the entry " Storytelling " , Sam Marin voiced the Teenaged Bear . Rapper Biz Markie guest starred as Snorlock in the installment " Slow Love " . Paul Reubens appeared as the Gnome Ruler in " Power Animal " . Stephen Root lent his voice to the Royal Tart Toter in the episode " The Other Tarts " . Thurop Van Orman voiced the Tree Witch in " To Cut a Woman 's Hair " . Comedian Melinda Hill lends her voice to Doctor Princess in " The Chamber of Frozen Blades " . Henry Rollins and Laura Silverman appeared as Lady Rainicorn 's parents in the episode " Her Parents " . " The Silent King " featured the voice of Michael J. Anderson , who portrayed Gummy , the Royal Goblin Chief of Staff . Finally , Miguel Ferrer appeared as Death in the episode " Death in

Bloom " ; Ferrer would reprise his role in the fourth season episode " Sons of Mars " . Jackie Buscarino voiced the titular character in the episode " Susan Strong " . In " Belly of the Beast " , Andy Samberg voiced the character Party Pat . Brian Baumgartner , Toby Huss , and Kate Micucci appeared as the three ghost friends of Marceline in " Heat Signature " . " Mortal Recoil " featured Isabella Acres as a young Princess Bubblegum . Acres would reprise her role in the third season episode " Too Young " .

Various other characters are voiced by Tom Kenny , Dee Bradley Baker , Maria Bamford , Steve Little , and Kent Osborne .

= = Reception and release = =

= = = Ratings = = =

The season debuted on October 11 , 2010 , with the episode " It Came from the Nightosphere " . The episode was watched by 2 @. @ 001 million viewers . This marked a decline from the first season premiere , which had been viewed by 2 @. @ 5 million viewers , but it marked an increase from the first season finale , which was watched by only 1 @. @ 77 million viewers . " It Came from the Nightosphere " also marked gains when compared to the same timeslot a year prior ; for instance , 732 @, @ 000 kids aged 6 ? 11 watched the episode , an increase by 35 percent when compared to the previous year . The season hit a high with its third episode , " Loyalty to the King " , which was watched by 2 @. @ 541 million viewers . The season ended with " Heat Signature " , which was viewed by 1 @. @ 975 million viewers . The season was originally supposed to end with the two @- @ parter " Mortal Folly " / " Mortal Recoil " , but due to a scheduling conflict , " Heat Signature " was the last episode of the season aired .

= = = Reviews and accolades = = =

The season 's first episode , " It Came from the Nightosphere " was largely well received by critics . Tyler Foster of DVD Talk called it " a pretty decent example of all the notes the show can hit . " He was particularly pleased with the way " the rift between Marceline and her dad is handled with a nice seriousness that fits right in alongside absurd gags about penguins " . He also noted that " any episode that includes a song is a plus in my book . " It was also called the " real highlight " of the eponymous DVD release by Charles Webb of MTV Geek . IGN writer Matt Fowler later referred to the episode as a " classic " . The episode was later nominated for a 2011 Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Short @- @ format Animated Program , although it did not win .

The series was a candidate for the " Best and Worst of 2010 " , a list compiled by the Bucks County Courier Times ; the series was under the " Best Animated TV Show " category . Patrick Broadnax of the Huntsville Examiner named the series one of " The Most Underrated Shows on Television " . He argued that , in its second season , the show was " shining as one of [Cartoon Network 's] best decisions ever . " He praised the spirit of the series , noting that it was reminiscent of the " charm that 90 's cartoon held so gracefully " . He concluded that the show was " goofy , colorful fun that should be able to put a smile on anyone 's face . " Tyler Foster of DVD Talk wrote that the season release was " highly recommended " . He praised that the season was able to " explor [e] and [expand] on everything that " was set up in the first season of the show . He specifically praised " Power Animal , " Death in Bloom " , " Crystals Have Power " , and " Her Parents " as the best episodes from the set . Foster was slightly critical of the visual presentation , noting that some aliasing was present , but felt that the commentaries were an added bonus .

The show itself was nominated for an Annie Award for Best Animated Television Production for Children . However , the series did not win . The episode " It Came from the Nightosphere " was nominated for a 2011 Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Short @- @ format Animated Program , although the episode did not win .

== Home media ==

Warner Home Video released multiple DVDs , consisting of region 1 and region 2 formats . My Two Favorite People , It Came from the Nightosphere , Jake vs. Me @-@ Mow , Fionna and Cake , The Suitor , Princess Day , and The Enchiridion were created for region 1 markets containing some episodes from the second season . The full season set was released on June 4 , 2013 on DVD and Blu @-@ ray . All DVD releases can be purchased on the Cartoon Network Shop , and the individual episodes can be downloaded from both the iTunes Store and Amazon.com. On March 30 , 2014 , the second season of Adventure Time will be made available on the Netflix Instant Watch service for online streaming .

== Episodes ==

== DVD release ==