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***Shadowhunters*** is an American [fantasy](/wiki/Fantasy) [television series](/wiki/Television_program) based on [*The Mortal Instruments*](/wiki/The_Mortal_Instruments) by [Cassandra Clare](/wiki/Cassandra_Clare), and developed for television by [Ed Decter](/wiki/Ed_Decter). It is the second adaptation of [the novel series](/wiki/The_Mortal_Instruments), after the 2013 film [*The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones*](/wiki/The_Mortal_Instruments:_City_of_Bones), which like *Shadowhunters* was produced by [Constantin Film](/wiki/Constantin_Film). The show received a straight-to-series order on March 30, 2015,[[1]](#cite_note-1) and premiered on January 12, 2016 on [Freeform](/wiki/Freeform_(TV_channel)). In March 2016, it was announced that the series had been renewed for a second season.

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## Synopsis[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=1)]

[Clary Fray](/wiki/List_of_The_Mortal_Instruments_characters#Clary_Fray) has just enrolled at Brooklyn Academy of Arts. On her eighteenth birthday, she learns that she is a Shadowhunter, a human born with angelic blood who protect humans from demons. That night, Clary's mother, Jocelyn Fray, is abducted by a group of rogue Shadowhunters of "The Circle". Their leader is Jocelyn's husband, Valentine Morgenstern.

With her mother missing, Clary turns to Luke, a person she trusted, only to seemingly be betrayed. Clary joins up with a band of Shadowhunters to save her mother and discovers powers she never knew she possessed. Clary is thrown into the world of demon hunting with the mysterious, narcissistic, and attractive Shadowhunter, Jace, and also her loyal and geeky friend, Simon. Now living among fairies, warlocks, vampires, and werewolves, Clary begins a journey of self-discovery as she learns more about her past and what her future may hold.[[2]](#cite_note-2)

## Cast and characters[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=2)]

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### Main[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=3)]

* [Katherine McNamara](/wiki/Katherine_McNamara) as [Clary Fray](/wiki/List_of_The_Mortal_Instruments_characters#Clary_Fray)[[3]](#cite_note-3)\* [Dominic Sherwood](/wiki/Dominic_Sherwood) as [Jace Wayland](/wiki/List_of_The_Mortal_Instruments_characters#Jace_Herondale)[[4]](#cite_note-4)\* [Alberto Rosende](/wiki/Alberto_Rosende) as [Simon Lewis](/wiki/List_of_The_Mortal_Instruments_characters#Simon_Lewis)[[5]](#cite_note-5)\* [Matthew Daddario](/wiki/Matthew_Daddario) as [Alec Lightwood](/wiki/List_of_The_Mortal_Instruments_characters#Alec_Lightwood)[[6]](#cite_note-6)\* [Emeraude Toubia](/wiki/Emeraude_Toubia) as [Isabelle Lightwood](/wiki/List_of_The_Mortal_Instruments_characters#Isabelle_Lightwood)[[5]](#cite_note-5)\* [Isaiah Mustafa](/wiki/Isaiah_Mustafa) as [Luke Garroway](/wiki/List_of_The_Mortal_Instruments_characters#Luke_Garroway)[[6]](#cite_note-6)\* [Harry Shum Jr.](/wiki/Harry_Shum_Jr.) as [Magnus Bane](/wiki/List_of_The_Mortal_Instruments_characters#Magnus_Bane)[[7]](#cite_note-7)

### Recurring[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=4)]

* [Alan van Sprang](/wiki/Alan_van_Sprang) as [Valentine Morgenstern](/wiki/List_of_The_Mortal_Instruments_characters#Valentine_Morgenstern)[[7]](#cite_note-7)\* [Maxim Roy](/wiki/Maxim_Roy) as [Jocelyn Fray](/wiki/List_of_The_Mortal_Instruments_characters#Jocelyn_Fray)[[8]](#cite_note-8)\* [Jon Cor](/wiki/Jon_Cor) as [Hodge Starkweather](/wiki/List_of_The_Mortal_Instruments_characters#Hodge_Starkweather)[[9]](#cite_note-9)\* [David Castro](/wiki/David_Castro_(actor)) as [Raphael Santiago](/wiki/List_of_The_Mortal_Instruments_characters#Raphael_Santiago)[[10]](#cite_note-10)\* Jade Hassouné as Meliorn[[11]](#cite_note-11)\* Kaitlyn Leeb as [Camille Belcourt](/wiki/List_of_The_Mortal_Instruments_characters#Camille_Belcourt)[[12]](#cite_note-12)\* Nicola Correia-Damude as [Maryse Lightwood](/wiki/List_of_The_Mortal_Instruments_characters#Maryse_Lightwood)[[13]](#cite_note-13)\* Paulino Nunes as [Robert Lightwood](/wiki/List_of_The_Mortal_Instruments_characters#Robert_Lightwood)[[14]](#cite_note-14)\* Jack Fulton as [Max Lightwood](/wiki/List_of_The_Mortal_Instruments_characters#Max_Lightwood)[[14]](#cite_note-14)\* [Christina Cox](/wiki/Christina_Cox) as [Elaine Lewis](/wiki/List_of_The_Mortal_Instruments_characters#Elaine_Lewis)[[15]](#cite_note-15)\* Holly Deveaux as [Rebecca Lewis](/wiki/List_of_The_Mortal_Instruments_characters#Rebecca_Lewis)[[15]](#cite_note-15)\* [Stephanie Bennett](/wiki/Stephanie_Bennett_(actress)) as Lydia Branwell[[16]](#cite_note-16)\* [Mimi Kuzyk](/wiki/Mimi_Kuzyk) as Imogen Herondale[[17]](#cite_note-17)\* Joel Labelle as [Alaric](/wiki/List_of_The_Mortal_Instruments_characters#Alaric)
* Jordan Hudyma as Blackwell
* Shailene Garnett as [Maureen Brown](/wiki/List_of_The_Mortal_Instruments_characters#Maureen_Brown)
* [Lisa Marcos](/wiki/Lisa_Marcos) as Susanna Vargas
* Curtis Morgan as Pangborn
* Nykeem Provo as Young Luke[[18]](#cite_note-18)

## Episodes[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=5)]

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## Production[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=6)]

### Development[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=7)]

In 2010, [Screen Gems](/wiki/Screen_Gems) announced that they were going into production on the [film adaptation](/wiki/The_Mortal_Instruments:_City_of_Bones) of [*City of Bones*](/wiki/City_of_Bones_(Mortal_Instruments)),[[19]](#cite_note-19) the first book in *The Mortal Instruments* series, with hopes of starting a successful film franchise. Production on a film adaptation of the second book, [*City of Ashes*](/wiki/City_of_Ashes), was due to start in September 2013, but was delayed to 2014, and eventually cancelled, after the first film failed to recoup its budget.[[20]](#cite_note-20) On October 12, 2014, at [Mipcom](/wiki/Mipcom), [Constantin](/wiki/Constantin_Film) confirmed that *The Mortal Instruments* will return as a television series with [Ed Decter](/wiki/Ed_Decter) as [showrunner](/wiki/Showrunner).[[21]](#cite_note-21) Constantin Film and TV head Martin Moszkowicz told *The Hollywood Reporter* that, "It actually makes sense to do [the novels] as a TV series. There was so much from the book that we had to leave out of the *Mortal Instruments* film. In the series we'll be able to go deeper and explore this world in greater detail and depth."[[21]](#cite_note-21)[[22]](#cite_note-22) The producers hope to adapt the entire book series if the TV adaptation proves successful.[[21]](#cite_note-21) In February 2015, book series author [Cassandra Clare](/wiki/Cassandra_Clare) announced via Twitter that the television series would be called *Shadowhunters* rather than *The Mortal Instruments*.[[23]](#cite_note-23) In March 2015, [ABC Family](/wiki/Freeform_(TV_channel)) picked up *Shadowhunters* straight-to-series.[[24]](#cite_note-24) The series was renewed for a second season in March 2016, consisting of 20 episodes.[[25]](#cite_note-25)[[26]](#cite_note-26)[[27]](#cite_note-27)

### Casting[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=8)]

On Twitter, Cassandra Clare announced that she would not be part of casting decisions, and would not be expecting any of the original film cast to return. On April 20, 2015, ABC revealed [Dominic Sherwood](/wiki/Dominic_Sherwood) as the first member of the *Shadowhunters* cast.[[4]](#cite_note-4) On May 2, 2015, it was announced that [Emeraude Toubia](/wiki/Emeraude_Toubia) would be taking the role of Isabelle Lightwood and [Alberto Rosende](/wiki/Alberto_Rosende) would be joining the cast as Simon Lewis.[[5]](#cite_note-5) On May 6, it was reported that [Katherine McNamara](/wiki/Katherine_McNamara) landed the lead role of Clary Fray.[[3]](#cite_note-3) Two days later, on May 8, [Matthew Daddario](/wiki/Matthew_Daddario) and [Isaiah Mustafa](/wiki/Isaiah_Mustafa) were cast as Alec Lightwood and Luke Garroway, respectively.[[6]](#cite_note-6) [Harry Shum, Jr.](/wiki/Harry_Shum,_Jr.) and [Alan van Sprang](/wiki/Alan_van_Sprang) later joined the cast as Magnus Bane and Valentine Morgenstern.[[7]](#cite_note-7) On May 18, it was announced that [Maxim Roy](/wiki/Maxim_Roy) would be playing Jocelyn Fray.[[8]](#cite_note-8) On May 28, [Jon Cor](/wiki/Jon_Cor) was announced to play Hodge Starkweather, a Shadowhunter and former member of the Circle.[[9]](#cite_note-9) [David Castro](/wiki/David_Castro_(actor)) was reported to be portraying vampire Raphael Santiago on June 4.[[10]](#cite_note-10) Shortly after, on June 9, [Lisa Marcos](/wiki/Lisa_Marcos) announced she would be joining the cast as Captain Vargas, a new character created for the series by Ed Decter.[[28]](#cite_note-28) On June 12, producer [McG's](/wiki/McG) official Twitter account stated that Kaitlyn Leeb had been cast to play the vampire Camille Belcourt.[[12]](#cite_note-12) On June 16, Jade Hassouné was reported to be portraying the faerie Meliorn.[[11]](#cite_note-11) On August 8, [Stephanie Bennett](/wiki/Stephanie_Bennett_(actress)) was cast as the new character Lydia Branwell, a rule-following Shadowhunter.[[16]](#cite_note-16)

### Filming[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=9)]

The series began filming in [Toronto](/wiki/Toronto), Canada on May 25, 2015.[[29]](#cite_note-29) The fictional New York Police Department's 89 Precinct was filmed in the Science Wing at the [University of Toronto Scarborough](/wiki/University_of_Toronto_Scarborough).[[30]](#cite_note-30)

## Music[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=10)]

The series' musical score is composed by Ben Decter.[[31]](#cite_note-31) The opening theme song is "This Is The Hunt" performed by Ruelle, which was written for *Shadowhunters* by Maggie Eckford and Jeff Bowman.[[32]](#cite_note-32) Other Ruelle songs have featured in the series, including the introductory song "Monsters",[[33]](#cite_note-33) "Storm", and "War of Hearts".[Template:Cn](/wiki/Template:Cn)

## Broadcast[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=11)]

The series premiered on January 12, 2016 in the U.S. on [Freeform](/wiki/Freeform_(TV_channel)).[[34]](#cite_note-34) The second episode, "The Descent Into Hell Is Easy", was released online that same day, following the premiere of the first episode.[[35]](#cite_note-35) In December 2015, [Netflix](/wiki/Netflix) acquired global rights to *Shadowhunters*, excluding the U.S., making the series available as an original series a day after the U.S. premiere, with the first episode launching globally on January 13, and subsequent episodes released on a weekly basis.[[36]](#cite_note-36)

## Reception[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=12)]

### Critical response[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=13)]

*Shadowhunters* has received mixed responses from critics. [Metacritic](/wiki/Metacritic) gives it a 45 out of 100 rating, based on 9 reviews, indicating "mixed or average reviews".[[37]](#cite_note-37) [Rotten Tomatoes](/wiki/Rotten_Tomatoes) gives the series a 46% rating, based on 12 reviews, with an average rating of 5.6/10. The site's consensus states, "*Shadowhunters* boasts visual thrills and a potential-rich premise, but they're not enough to overcome the show's self-serious silliness and dull, convoluted plots."[[38]](#cite_note-38) According James Poniewozik of the [*The New York Times*](/wiki/The_New_York_Times), the series "has its assets, especially its popular source material. But it might become more fun if it learns to enjoy being the empowerment fantasy it really is."[[39]](#cite_note-39)

### Accolades[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=14)]

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