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20th Television's ABC Hit *Big Sky* to Film in New Mexico

SANTA FE, N.M. – The New Mexico Film Office (NMFO) announced today that the ABC television hit series, *Big Sky* produced by 20th Television, has relocated production of its second season to Rio Rancho, N.M. The series will film from August 2021 through April 2022.

Big Sky follows private detectives Cassie Dewell and Jenny Hoyt as they reunite to investigate a car wreck outside of Helena, Montana, and they soon discover that the case may not be as straightforward as it seems. As they unravel the mystery of the accident, their worlds will collide with a band of unsuspecting teens, a flirtatious face from Jenny's past, and a vicious outsider hellbent on finding answers. Based on the series of books by C.J. Box, starring Kylie Bunbury and Katheryn Winnick.

"The decision of *Big Sky* to film season 2 in New Mexico shows we have created a resilient and thriving film industry. This production will support jobs for thousands of New Mexicans well into 2022 and boost spending to the many local businesses that provide goods and services to this industry." said New Mexico Governor, Michelle Lujan Grisham

"From the competitive incentive, a world-class crew, infrastructure, and close proximity to L.A. the secret is out - New Mexico offers an established ecosystem and is the place to be for film and TV. We are thrilled to have *Big Sky* shooting in our state," said New Mexico Economic Development Department Cabinet Secretary Alicia J. Keyes.

The production will employ over 500 New Mexico crew members and thousands of New Mexico resident background talent and extras across the entire season. Additionally, their prolonged presence in New Mexico will bring income to countless New Mexico-owned businesses.

"There is no better place for this rustic, scenic, story than the dramatic landscapes of New Mexico," said Amber Dodson, Director New Mexico Film Office. "We welcome the production team and are pleased they have decided to bring this hit series to our state."

Big Sky season 2 will star Katheryn Winnick, Kylie Bunbury, Brian Geraghty, Dedee Pfeiffer, Omar Metally and Anja Savcic. Elwood Reid (*The Chi*, *Hawaii Five-O*) serves as showrunner and executive producer.

“For years I’ve had friends rave to me about their experience filming in New Mexico. I’m excited to bring the second season of *Big Sky* to the Land of Enchantment,” said Elwood Reid, *Big Sky* executive producer and showrunner. “The excellent crews, the facilities and natural beauty of New Mexico has so far exceeded expectations. We are looking forward to a great year!”

The first season of *Big Sky* was filmed in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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All film and television productions in New Mexico are required to adhere to the state’s operative emergency public health order, associated public health restrictions and COVID-Safe Practices.

The New Mexico Film Office has released Back2One, a catchall set of principles, general recommendations, and resources for film and television productions operating during COVID-19. Back2One recommendations and other COVID-Safe Practices can be found at nmfilm.com

About 20th Television:

One of the Disney Television Studios, 20th Television is a prolific supplier of entertainment programming, including the NBC’s top series THIS IS US from Dan Fogelman; Nat Geo’s critically hailed and No. 1 series GENIUS: ARETHA; Fox’s No. 1 drama, 9-1-1 and its spinoff 9-1-1: LONE STAR from Ryan Murphy, Brad Falchuk and Tim Minear, its No. 1 comedy LAST MAN STANDING starring Tim Allen; Hulu’s recent hit LOVE, VICTOR from Isaac Aptaker, Elizabeth Berger and Brian Tanen; FX’s No. 1 series AMERICAN HORROR STORY from Ryan Murphy and Brad Falchuk and ABC’s new hit BIG SKY from David E. Kelley, in addition to dozens of others. 20th Television shows have amassed a collective 1839 Emmy nominations and 211 Emmy wins, as well as multiple Golden Globes, Humanitas Prizes and Peabody Awards. The studio’s landmark series from its 70 year library include such classics as BATMAN, MODERN FAMILY, M*A*S*H, GLEE, HOW I MET YOUR MOTHER, BONES, EMPIRE, FRESH OFF THE BOAT, 24, BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER, NEW GIRL and THE X-FILES.

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