

HBO drama series **THE DEUCE** returns for third and final season on September 9, exclusively on HBO

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MIAMI, FL., August 14, 2019 – The 80s are in full swing as the critically acclaimed drama series **THE DEUCE** brings its story to a close when it returns for its eight-episode, third and final season, Monday, September 9 at 9PM, on HBO and HBO GO. Created by George Pelecanos and David Simon, the story resumes its chronicle of the rise of pornography and the multibillion-dollar industry's transformation of American culture seven years after the culmination of the second season.

Season three of **THE DEUCE** brings us into the world of 1985, just as VHS overtakes film as the primary medium for porn production and distribution. The lure of the California sunshine, the city's aggressive takeover of commercial sex properties in Times Square and the devastating impact of the AIDS epidemic mark the end of an era. With the party of the 1970s winding down, 42nd Street has deteriorated into a hive of uncontrolled violent crime and seedy video stores, making urban renewal seem more unlikely than ever before. Following the interconnected lives of Times Square's barkeeps, prostitutes, pimps, police, mobsters, porn actors and producers, the eight-episode third season of **THE DEUCE** brings the series' arc to a dramatic conclusion.

The drama series stars Golden Globe®-winner James Franco as both Vincent Martino – who, in season three, finds himself tired, wary and in search of a way out – and his twin Frankie Martino, a seemingly changed man, who is married with children and who continues to flirt with self-destruction; and Maggie Gyllenhaal as Candy, a director struggling to maintain her artistic integrity in an industry that is quickly devolving.

The returning cast also includes: Margarita Levieva, as Abby, the proprietor of the Hi-Hat and an advocate for Times Square's artists and denizens who begins to consider life after the Deuce; Emily Meade (HBO's **THE LEFTOVERS**) as porn star Lori, now living in Los Angeles and battling addiction while absorbing the porn business' migration to video-tape and the resulting degradation; Lawrence Gilliard, Jr. (HBO's **THE WIRE**) as Chris Alston, now detailed to the Midtown Enforcement Project and partnered with Gene Goldman (Luke Kirby) to realize the city's plan to rehabilitate Midtown; Chris Bauer (HBO's **THE WIRE**), as French Parlor manager Bobby, who steadily begins to lose his piece of the lucrative Times Square sex trade; Chris Coy (MAXPrime's **BANSHEE**) as gay businessman and entrepreneur Paul, who must confront the AIDS epidemic; Michael Rispoli (HBO's **THE SOPRANOS**) as mob capo Rudy, who leans on the Martino brothers for greater profit amidst infighting.

Season three finds familiar faces who return this season as cast regulars including, David Krumholtz (HBO's upcoming miniseries **THE PLOT AGAINST AMERICA**) as veteran pornographer Harvey; Daniel Sauli as Tommy Longo, who's angling for his own position amidst the Gambino family; Olivia Luccardi as Melissa, now an amateur porn actress forced to confront her past and Sepideh Moafi as Loretta, a bartender at the Hi-Hat, involved in the feminist anti-porn movement. Guest stars include: Zoe Kazan (HBO's upcoming miniseries **THE PLOT AGAINST AMERICA**), Mustafa Shakir (MAXPrime's **JETT**), Roberta Colindrez, Kim Director, Corey Stoll, Aaron Dean Eisenberg, Michael Gandolfini and Ralph Macchio.

Created by George Pelecanos and David Simon, both veterans of the HBO series **THE WIRE** and **TREME**, **THE DEUCE** is executive produced by Pelecanos, Simon, Nina K. Noble and James Franco. Season three writers include: David Simon, George Pelecanos, Carl Capotorto, Iturri Sosa, Will Ralston, Chris Yakaitis and Stephani DeLuca. Season three directors include: Alex Hall, Susanna White, Tanya Hamilton, Roxann Dawson and James Franco.

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