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Miami, October 11th, 2011 – HBO Latin America announced the October 14th premiere of new original series Enlightened in the Caribbean. Starring its very own producer, Laura Dern (two-time Golden Globe®-winner and two-time Emmy®-nominee for HBO films Recount and Afterburn), Enlightened blends comedy and drama to tell an unconventional story about taming one's inner rage, and finding purpose amidst the greed and corruption of corporate America.

The ten-episode first season of Enlightened follows 40-year-old Amy Jellicoe (Laura Dern) – an ambitious, yet bitter executive at a global conglomerate. Being her own worst enemy for the majority of her adult life – mostly as a result of a persistently self-destructive attitude – Amy suffers a humiliating nervous breakdown in front of her boss and co-workers. From that moment on, Amy begins to seriously question her life and top-tier executive career.

After a forced mental health retreat, Amy experiences a dramatic transformation that inspires her to adopt daily meditation and inner healing exercises as a refreshed approach to her former negativity. Despite Amy's desire to be an "agent of change," those who know her best are skeptical of her latest intentions. Upon returning to the office, Amy discovers that her new "enlightened" outlook is unwelcome and even threatening to co-workers and loved ones.

The Enlightened cast also includes Luke Wilson as Levi, Amy's drug-addict ex-husband; Diane Ladd (Oscar®-nominee) as Amy's mother, who criticizes and disapproves of everything her daughter does; Sarah Burns as Krista, Amy's former assistant who is now in line for Amy's old job; Timm Sharp as Dougie, Amy's careless and disorganized boss; Amy Hill as Judy, the human resources representative that does not leave Amy alone; and Mike White as Tyler, her seemingly obedient work colleague.

Enlightened is a half-hour HBO Original comedy series written and created by Laura Dern and Mike White; the duo also served as the show's executive producers, along with Miguel Arteta and Edward Saxon. David Bernad and Jason Weinberg carried out production, while Mike Whote, Miguel Arteta, Jonathan Demme, Nicole Holofcener and Phil Morrison led direction.

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