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This week in the Water Cooler blog, *VideoAge* runs down the upcoming mid-season shows for U.S. television:
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FremantleMedia International Seals Deal for *Suspects* in Australia

FremantleMedia International (FMI) inked a multi-series deal with Australia's free-to-air network Channel Seven for the first four series of procedural detective drama series *Suspects*. The series is created and produced by FremantleMedia U.K.'s Newman Street label for Channel 5 in the U.K. *Suspects* is an original crime series in which the cast devises their own dialogue. It stars Fay Ripley, Damien Molony and Clare-Hope Ashitey.

Each episode sees the team of detectives investigate a crime, analyze evidence and interview suspects.

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<http://www.fremantlemedia.com>

Amazon Brings STARZ's *The White Queen* to Prime Instant Video

Starz Digital Media and Amazon inked a content licensing agreement that sees Prime Instant Video become the exclusive online-only subscription streaming home for the 10-part miniseries *The White Queen* in the U.S. The original miniseries from Starz will be available to Prime members from the Amazon Instant Video app for televisions, connected devices and mobile devices, or online at Amazon.com/PIV at no additional cost after membership. *The White Queen* is based on the historical bestselling novels by Philippa Gregory.

<http://www.starz.com>

<http://www.starzglobal.com>

<http://www.amazon.com/piv>

<http://www.amazon.com/prime>

Katie Holmes Joins *Ray Donovan* As A Guest Star for Season Three

Katie Holmes will appear in a major guest-starring role throughout the third season of Showtime's drama series *Ray Donovan*. She will play Paige, the daughter of billionaire producer Andrew Finney (played by guest star Ian McShane). *Ray Donovan* is Showtime's second highest-rated drama series after *Homeland*. Season three is currently in production in Los Angeles.

<http://www.cbssi.com>

<http://www.showtime.com>

Zodiak Rights Acquires A *Royal Renaissance - Changing Lives*

Zodiak Rights, the international division of Zodiak Media, picked up the all-new series *A Royal Renaissance - Changing Lives* from B4 Films. This marks Zodiak Rights' first deal with the Scottish indie. The series is narrated by HRH Prince of Wales and was shot over three years. It tells the story of an abandoned stately home in the area of deprivation in South West Scotland. It follows how the Prince of Wales purchased Dumfries House and began the multi-million pound restoration. Zodiak Rights has worldwide finished program rights to *A Royal Renaissance - Changing Lives*.

<http://www.zodiakrights.com>

<http://www.b4films.com>

Season Two Premiere of Star China's *Sing My Song* Scores Top Ratings

The second season of Star China International Media's format *Sing My Song* premiered on Friday, January 2 to high ratings on CCTV 3. Plus, within 24 hours of the premiere, web click-through reached 33.75 million hits. The audience breakdown was 49 percent male and 51 percent female. The series is distributed internationally by ITV Studios. *Sing My Song* is a studio-based music contest on the hunt for the best regional songs in the country, and four of the music industry's top singer-songwriters share their experience and insight as producer-judges offer feedback to the contestants. In addition to providing guidance, the judges are also seeking songs to include in their own original music albums.

<http://www.xingkong.com.cn/>

DNI Goes Full Speed Ahead with *Extreme Car Hoarders* Season Two

Discovery Networks International (DNI) announced that the series *Extreme Car Hoarders* is returning for an all-new second season in 2015. The series is produced by Discovery Studios and will premiere internationally on Discovery Networks International's factual channels across over 220 countries and territories beginning in April. The series sees custom car guru Rick Dore and former wrestling superstar Chuck Palumbo search for and restore neglected cars.

<http://www.discoverycommunications.com>

Canal 22 Internacional To Premiere Four Dark Comedies Next Month

Arts and entertainment channel Canal 22 Internacional announced that beginning the first week of February, it will premiere four dark comedy films as part of its Series: *De Comedia y Otros Enredos (Of Comedy and Other Messes)*. The four films - *Matando Cabos*, *Morirse en Domingo*, *Bienvenido Paisano* and *Club Eutanasia* - will air Thursdays starting at 8 p.m. PT/11 p.m. ET. *Matando Cabos* will debut on February 5, *Morirse en Domingo* on February 12, *Bienvenido Paisano* on February 19 and *Club Eutanasia* on February 26.

<http://www.canal22internacional.org.mx>

Mainframe Entertainment Ups Ellis

Rainmaker Entertainment, a multifaceted Vancouver-based animation studio,

promoted Kylie Ellis from director of Production to the newly created position of vice president of Production at the Mainframe Entertainment television division. In her new role, Ellis will serve as the direct link between Mainframe and its established clients and partners. She will report to Kim Dent Wilder, Rainmaker Entertainment SVP of Production and Operations.

<http://www.rainmaker.com>