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# The Deuce

**Starring James Franco and Maggie Gyllenhaal**

**Brand new 8-part HBO drama series  
Starts Monday, September 11  
Express from the US at 11.00am AEST  
Encore at 8.35pm AEST**

**Only on  
showcase.**

**Following its live broadcast on showcase, *The Deuce* will be available to watch from Foxtel's on demand library, or streamed on demand on Foxtel's streaming service, Foxtel Now**

On Monday, September 11 at 11.00am AEST, with a primetime encore at 8.35pm AEST, the much-anticipated new HBO drama series ***The Deuce***, starring Oscar-nominees **James Franco** and **Maggie Gyllenhaal**, premieres express from the US on Foxtel's showcase.

Created by the makers of *The Wire* and boasting a fine ensemble cast, *The Deuce* chronicles the rise of the porn industry that began in New York City in 1971-72, driven by a politically motivated effort to "clean up" Times Square by driving pimps and prostitutes off the street and forcing them indoors - and the gradual legalization of porn.

Over the course of eight episodes, this gritty series takes an up-close look at a colourful world of sex, crime, high times and sudden violence, as the porn business begins its climb to legitimacy, cultural permanence – and billion-dollar profitability.

Seizing the chance to cash in on the flourishing porn business (and sometimes being consumed by it) are a vivid assortment of characters, including: Vincent Martino (James Franco), a bartender with vision and connections; Frankie Martino (Franco again), Vincent's identical twin and a dangerously freewheeling counterpart to his entrepreneurial brother; and Candy (Maggie Gyllenhaal), a self-made, on-the-street sex worker eyeing a new career in filmmaking.

Joining them are pimps C.C. (Gary Carr, *Downtown Abbey*) and Larry Brown (Gbenga Akinnagbe, *Knucklehead*); young prostitutes Darlene (Dominique Fishback, *Show Me a Hero*)

and Lori (Emily Meade, *The Leftovers*); midtown cop Chris Alston (Lawrence Gilliard, Jr., *The Wire*); mob capo Rudy Pipilo (Michael Rispoli, *The Sopranos*); disillusioned college student Abby Parker (Margarita Levieva, *How to Make it in America*) and more.

Executive produced by David Simon, George Pelecanos, Nina K. Noble and James Franco, David Simon's HBO projects include the series *The Wire* and *Treme*, *Generation Kill* and *Show Me a Hero*. George Pelecanos is the author of 20 novels including "Hard Revolution" and "The Night Gardener"; he also worked with Simon as a writer/producer on *The Wire* and a writer/EP on *Treme*.

Other EPs are Nina K. Noble (*The Corner*, *The Wire*, *Generation Kill*, *Treme*, *Show Me a Hero*) and James Franco, who also directed two episodes. Writers include three acclaimed novelists: co-EP Richard Price who wrote and was an EP on HBO's *The Night Of* and worked on *The Wire*; Megan Abbott and Lisa Lutz.

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**\*Episode 1 is a special 90 minute episode**  
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