



WAYWARD PINES PRESS KIT

**Worldwide Premiere Thursday May 14 at 8.30pm on FX
First on Foxtel**



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ABOUT THE SERIES

FX is excited to present the WORLDWIDE premiere of the thrilling 10 part mystery series, **WAYWARD PINES** Thursday May 14 at 8.30pm on FX.

Based on Blake Crouch's international bestselling series of books and brought to life by suspenseful storyteller **M. Night Shyamalan**, WAYWARD PINES stars Academy Award® nominee **Matt Dillon** as Secret Service Agent Ethan Burke, on a mission to find two missing federal agents in the charming town of Wayward Pines. But when Ethan awakes from a terrible car accident, he soon realises the town is not all what it seems - Imagine the perfect American settlement, beautiful homes, manicured lawns, children playing safely in the streets...Now imagine never being able to leave. You have no communication with the outside world. Every step closer to the truth makes Ethan question if he will ever get out of Wayward Pines alive.

Supporting cast includes Academy and Emmy Award® winner **Melissa Leo** (*The Fighter*), Academy Award® nominee **Terrence Howard** (*Crash*), **Carla Gugino** (*Californication*), **Shannyn Sossamon** (*How to Make It in America*), **Toby Jones** (*Hunger Games*) and Academy Award® and Emmy Award® nominee **Juliette Lewis** (*Cape Fear*).

A 10 part companion series entitled 'Gone' will be available after each premiere episode at www.waywardpines.com.au and will give viewers a deeper understanding of the world of Wayward Pines.

TUNE IN TO THE WORLDWIDE PREMIERE OF WAYWARD PINES, THURSDAY MAY 14 AT 8.30pm AEST ON FX, FIRST ON FOXTEL.

STARRING:

Matt Dillon as Ethan Bourke
Carla Gugino as Kate Hewson
Melissa Leo as Pam
Juliette Lewis as Beverly
Terrence Howard as Sheriff Arnold Pope
Toby Jones as Dr. Jenkins
Shannyn Sossamon as Theresa Burke

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER & DIRETOR: M.NIGHT SHYAMALAN
AUTHOR & PRODUCER: BLAKE CROUCH



CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS & ACTOR BIOS

MATT DILLON

AS SPECIAL AGENT ETHAN BURKE

THE CHARACTER:

Special Agent Ethan Burke is one of the best Secret Service agents in the Seattle office. He is extremely intelligent and tireless in his pursuit of the truth. Ethan is challenged at every turn by the town's die-hard residents but as the mystery of Wayward Pines deepens, so does his determination to unravel it.

THE ACTOR:

From his breakthrough performance in "The Outsiders" to his hilarious turn as an obsessed private investigator in "There's Something About Mary," Dillon's film career has spanned more than three decades and showcased his wide range of dramatic and comedic talents.

Other Film credits include: "Crash", "Drugstore Cowboy", "A Kiss Before Dying", "Wild Things", "Singles", "To Die For", "Sunlight Jnr", and "Rumble Fish".

CARLA GUGINO

AS KATE HEWSON

THE CHARACTER:

One of the agents missing and Ethan's former lover.

THE ACTOR:

Film credits include: "Hotel Noir", "New Year's Eve," "Mr. Poppers Penguins," "Electra Luxx" and its prequel "Women in Trouble," "Every Day," "Watchmen," "Sucker Punch," "Race to Witch Mountain," "American Gangster," "The Lookout," the "Spy Kids" franchise, "Sin City," "Night at the Museum," "The Singing Detective," "Snake Eyes," "Miami Rhapsody," "Michael," "This Boy's Life," "Son in Law" and "Troop Beverly Hills."

TV credits include: "Political Animals," "New Girl", "Californication," "Entourage," "Threshold," "Karen Sisco," "Chicago Hope" and "Spin City."



MELISSA LEO

AS PAM

THE CHARACTER:

When Ethan wakes up in the Wayward Pines Hospital, the intense and unpredictable nurse, Pam, greets him at his bedside. It soon appears that Pam is more interested in harming than healing.

THE ACTOR:

Melissa Leo's breakthrough role came in 1993 on the TV series "Homicide: Life on the Street" and her role as Marianne Jordan in the film "21 Grams" received critical acclaim.

Leo received national attention in the film, "Frozen River" earning an Oscar® nomination for Best Actress. Leo also earned several awards for her role as Alice Ward in the 2010 film, "The Fighter" which she won the Golden Globe®, Screen Actors Guild Award® and Academy Award® for Best Supporting Actress.

JULIETTE LEWIS

AS BEVERLY

THE CHARACTER:

Bartender Beverly is a resident of Wayward Pines but is far more feisty and outspoken than any of the others. She immediately forms a bond with Ethan, and is as wary of Wayward Pines as he is.

THE ACTOR:

Film credits include: "Natural Born Killers", "Cape Fear", "Whip It", "The Basketball Diaries", "August: Osage County", "From Dusk til Dawn", "Kalifornia", "Christmas Vacation" and "What's Eating Gilbert Grape."

TV credits include: "Secrets and lies", "The Firm", "My Name is Earl", "A Family for Joe" and "The Wonder Years."



TERRENCE HOWARD

AS SHERIFF ARNOLD POPE

THE CHARACTER:

A formidable man who takes offence at Ethan appearing from out of the blue and telling him what to do. He is not an easy man, and it soon becomes clear he is not going out of his way to help Ethan in his quest for the truth.

THE ACTOR:

Terrence Howard is best known for his Golden Globe Award® and Academy Award®-nominated work in “Hustle & Flow,” as well as for his supporting role in the film “Crash”.

Other film credits include: “Ironman”, “Prisoners”, “Ray”, “Get Rich or Die Tryin'”, “Awake”, “Sabotage” and “St Vincent”.

TV credits include: “Empire”, “Tall Hopes”, “Sparks”, “NYPD Blue”, “Street Time”, “Soul Food” and “Law & Order: LA”.

TOBY JONES

AS DR. JENKINS

THE CHARACTER:

The mysterious psychiatrist with a hidden agenda who treats Ethan at Wayward Pines Hospital.

THE ACTOR:

Film credits include: “Victoria & Albert”, “Elizabeth I”, “Harry Potter”, “Finding Neverland”, “Infamous”, “Capote”, “Nightwatching”, “The Mist”, “Milk”, “The Rite”, “Captin America”, “Frost/Nixon”, Oliver Stone’s “W.”, “The Hunger Games”, “Tinker Taylor Soldier Spy”, “My Week with Marilyn”, “Red Lights” and “Snow White and the Huntsman”.

SHANNYN SOSSAMON

AS THERESA BURKE

THE CHARACTER:

Ethan’s Wife who, frustrated by the lack of information and answers as to Ethan’s whereabouts, goes in search of him herself with their son Ben.

THE ACTOR:

Film credits include: “A Knight’s Tale,” opposite Heath Ledger, “40 Days and 40 Nights,” the cult hit “The Rules of Attraction” and “The Holiday,” opposite Kate Winslet, Jack Black, Cameron Diaz and Jude Law.

TV credits include: “How to Make It in America” and guest-starring roles on “Dirt,” “Moonlight” and “Mistresses.”



EXECUTIVE PRODUCER & DIRECTOR – M.NIGHT SHYLAMALAN

Screenwriter, director and producer M. Night Shyamalan has captured the attention of audiences around the world for almost two decades, creating films that have amassed more than \$2 billion worldwide. He is best known for his work exploring supernatural storylines, and employs his considerable talents to bring them to life in his groundbreaking, unique style.

His portfolio of work has earned him numerous industry accolades including a total of six Academy Award® nominations for **The Sixth Sense**, amongst others Best Picture, Best Director and Best Original Screenplay. Other credits include **Signs** and **Unbreakable**.

AUTHOR & PRODUCER - BLAKE CROUCH

BLAKE was born in the North Carolina in 1978. He earned his undergraduate degrees in English and creative writing from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and since graduation he has published multiple novels, as well as specialising in novellas and short stories.

Blake's novels Fully Loaded, Run, and Stirred have each earned spots in the top ten of the Kindle bestseller list, and much of his work has been optioned for film.



EPISODE DESCRIPTIONS

Episode 101: Where Paradise is Home

Premieres Thursday May 14 at 8.30pm AEST

In this worldwide premiere, Secret Service Agent Ethan Burke finds himself in the charming town of Wayward Pines after surviving a car crash but soon discovers that something isn't quite right.

Episode 102: Do Not Discuss Your Life Before

Premieres Thursday May 21 at 8.30pm

Frustrated by the lack of information and answers as to Ethan's whereabouts, Theresa decides she will go in search of him herself.

Episode 103: Our Town, Our Law

Premieres Thursday May 28 at 8.30pm

Shaken by recent events in town, Ethan cannot believe it when Theresa and Ben arrive in Wayward Pines.

Episode 104: One of Our Senior Realtors Has Chosen to Retire

Premieres Thursday June 4 at 8.30pm

Ethan struggles with his new appointed role in town and continues to look for a way to escape.

Episode 105: The Truth

Premieres Thursday June 11 at 8.30pm

Ethan makes a shocking discovery and uncovers some truths about Wayward.

##HIATUS – Thursday June 18 from 6.30pm

Catch up on the first 5 episodes of this thrilling 10 part mystery series following Secret Service agent Ethan Burke who arrives in the bucolic town of Wayward Pines, on a mission to find two missing federal agents.

Episode 106: Choices

Premieres Thursday June 25 at 8.30pm

Ethan learns the rest of the truth about Wayward Pines. Meanwhile, Theresa does some investigating of her own.

Episode 107: Betrayal

Premieres Thursday July 2 at 8.30pm

A group of insurgents are a threat to the town's survival.

Episode 108: The Friendliest Place on Earth

Premieres Thursday July 9 at 8.30pm

Ethan investigates the insurgent group after they create chaos in town.

Episode 109: A Reckoning

Premieres Thursday July 16 at 8.30pm

Ethan's reactions to the insurgent incident result in a polarizing response in town. Pilcher takes matters into his own hands, endangering the town and everyone in it.

Episode 110: Cycle (final episode)

Premieres Thursday July 23 at 8.30pm.

Megan has a change of heart and helps Ethan lead the townspeople to safety and the truth.



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