



AMC's Sundance Now Launches Scripted Crime Podcast

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AMC Networks' streaming service Sundance Now is making a forte into podcasts with the launch of scripted crime series Exeter, starring Jeanne Tripplehorn (Big Love) and Ray McKinnon (Sons of Anarchy, Deadwood).

Exeter will debut October 25, while season two has been greenlit and is slated to premiere in early 2019.

The six-episode podcast, created by Ronnie Gunter (Lighter), follows veteran detective, Colleen Clayton (Tripplehorn), as she is forced to reconcile the errors of a past case when a woman she convicted of murder is exonerated after 10 years in prison. Clayton struggles to keep the trust of her department as a series of grisly and ritualistic murders rock her decaying South Carolina town, putting her at odds with her ambitious partner, Lester Pruitt (McKinnon) as they race to put the pieces together.

Tripplehorn describes her character as "a longer and very strong-almost to a fault-who lives for her work as a detective as well as taking care of her brother," she said in a statement.

The podcast will also use kinetic typography-dynamic captions where the

phrases in the character's dialogue are animated to underscore emotion and heighten tension-adding an element to make the format of Exeter more accessible to a deaf audience, while creating a unique visual experience for fans of audio drama. This will mark the first time this process has been utilized for a scripted dramatic podcast, says Sundance Now.

"Sundance is a trusted home for a project as innovative as Exeter," McKinnon said in a statement. "It's a brand that respects creative voices and embraces out-of-the-ordinary forms of storytelling."

Exeter is produced by Insurrection Media, and executive produced by Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Jordanna Fraiberg and Deborah Henderson and Gunter, who also directed George Ducker and Gunter co-wrote all six episodes. Icemen Audio's Evan Menak, Michael Capuano are responsible for the sound design and mixing, and the dynamic captions are from Paul Cooper.