

FARGO TIME TRAVELS WITH NEW CAST, STORY

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Fargo closed its Lorne Malvo case in its first season, and for its renewed second season it will be seeing a huge overhaul – focusing on different actors, stories, crime, and a different timeline – 1979 to be exact. With its primary location set in North Dakota, the main focus will be on a younger Lou Solverson who was played by [Keith Carradine](#) in season one. His daughter, the formidable and dogged police officer, Molly, will be just 4 years old.

Star Power and Major Changes

Back in the day it would've been seen as a career in a downward spiral if a movie star was ever to start doing television. But the last few years have proven otherwise, as mega movie stars, even Academy Award winners are now venturing onto the small screen, and even a much smaller screen (but a larger audience), the Internet – namely Netflix. With these big names carrying a certain cache to them, there is a level of curiosity in these TV shows, not only to see a well favored and accoladed performer shine, but also to see what they'll bring to the story – how they'll elevate it. And of course [Oscar winner Billy Bob Thornton](#) was brought on to do just that, with

another familiar face, British actor Martin Freeman who's had his time on the silver screen, and also in recent years found critically acclaimed success in the BBC America suspense drama, [Sherlock](#).



Billy Bob Thornton gave a convincing performance as killer, Lorne Malvo. (fxfargo.tumblr.com)

But with the inevitable change of these stars, will that spell disaster for the show? FX CEO John Landgraf doesn't seem to think so. Speaking at the Television Critics Association press tour, Landgraf said that casting Thornton helped attract viewers, but that won't be necessary for season two. "We needed Billy Bob Thornton, but now the show, the title, the tone, the writing ... are the star of that show," Landgraf said.

Break Out Star

"Not keeping them (Allison Tolman and Colin Hanks) in for the second series is a crime and a tragedy, and you should all be very angry at us for doing that, because I would like nothing more than to see the continuing adventures of Molly and Gus," writer Noah Hawley told TV writers.

Tolman who played Detective Molly Solverson was the newcomer of the series, if not the whole TV season, and became a major hit, gaining a legion of fans with her understated, yet powerful performance. This did not go

unnoticed by the powers that be. Tolman now has an Emmy nomination for “Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Miniseries or a Movie”.



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Fargo Sets FX Record

Tolman’s nomination is just the tip of the iceberg for the show, which just garnered an additional 17 Emmy nominations (if you can count, you’ll realize that’s **18 nominations** in total. Just letting you know). These nominations helped to score the most nominations of any series in network history, with nominations in the major categories.

Emmy Noms

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Miniseries or a Movie – 2014

Martin Freeman, as Lester Nygard

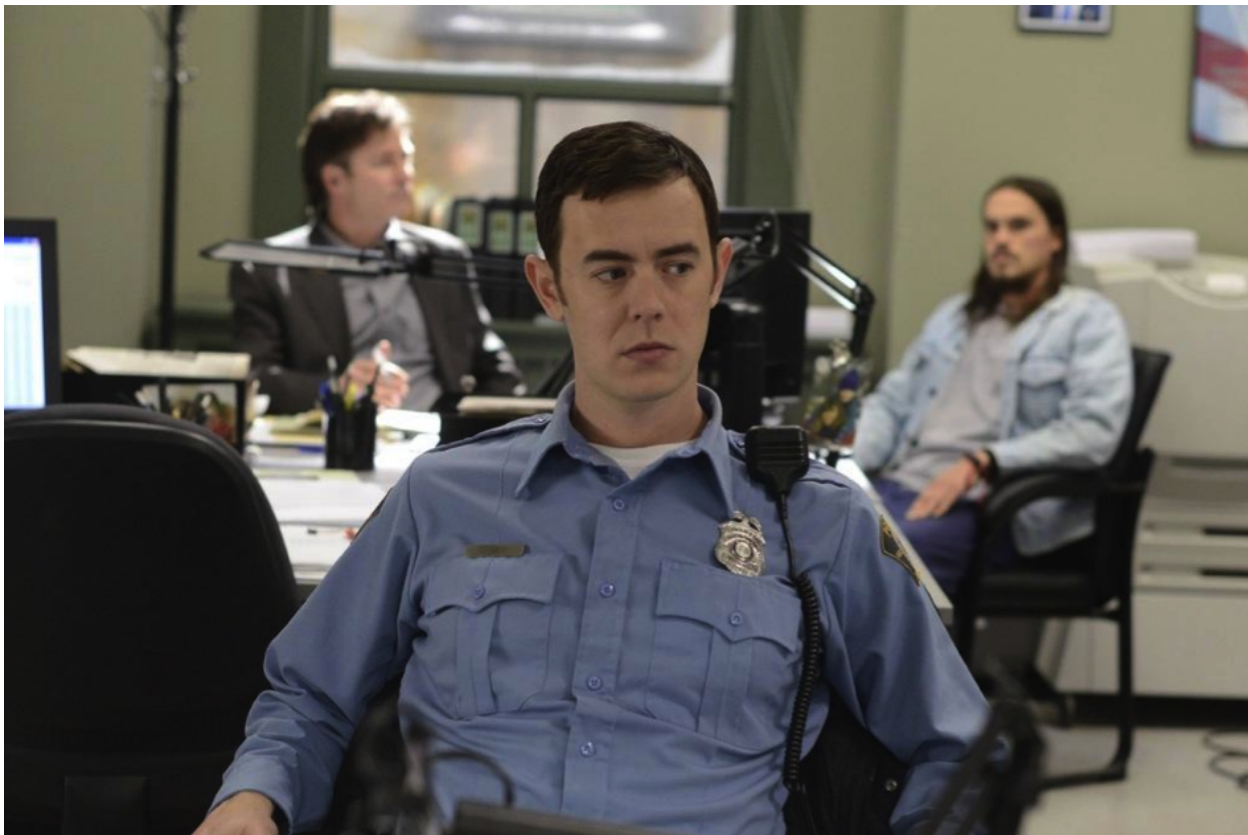
Billy Bob Thornton, as Lorne Malvo

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Miniseries or a Movie – 2014

Allison Tolman, as Molly Solverson

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Miniseries or a Movie – 2014

Colin Hanks, as Deputy Gus Grimly



Colin Hanks got his Best Supporting Actor nod. (hitfix.com)

Outstanding Directing For a Miniseries or a Movie – 2014

Adam Bernstein

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Outstanding Writing for a Miniseries, Movie or a Dramatic Special – 2014

Noah Hawley

Outstanding Miniseries – 2014

The earliest the series will air is fall 2015.



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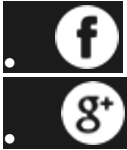
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