

War of the Worlds to premiere this October on Fox

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Critically acclaimed ensemble cast includes Gabriel Byrne, Elizabeth McGovern, Léa Drucker, Adel Bencherif, Natasha Little, Daisy Edgar Jones, Ty Tennant, Stephen Campbell Moore, Bayo Gbadamosi, Aaron Heffernan, Stéphane Caillard and Guillaume Gouix



The eagerly awaited series [War of the Worlds](#), will premiere on Fox (DStv 125) on Wednesday, 30 October, at 20h45 CAT. This contemporary reimagining of H.G. Wells' timeless classic is produced by Urban Myth Films in partnership with Canal+, Fox Networks Group (FNG) Europe & Africa and AGC Television. It is Fox Networks Group's second production after the successful **Deep State** series, parts of which were filmed in South Africa.

Set in present-day Europe, *War of the Worlds* is a multi-faceted series, written and created by the BAFTA award winner Howard Overman (*Misfits*, *Crazyhead*, *Merlin*) based on the timeless story by H.G. Wells. This fresh interpretation of the classic novel places the intricacies of human relationships at its heart, whether between parents and children, lovers, or strangers.

When astronomers detect a transmission from another galaxy, it is definitive proof of intelligent extra-terrestrial life. The world's population waits for further contact with bated breath. They do not have to wait long. Within days, mankind is all but wiped out by a devastating attack; pockets of humanity are left in an eerily deserted world.

As aliens hunt and kill those left alive, the survivors ask a burning question – who are these attackers and why are they hell-bent on our destruction? *War of the Worlds* is a story of ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances - but they are more than just victims in a brutal war. "For, as we will come to realise, the aliens' savage attack on earth is not arbitrary: its seeds are being sown before our very eyes," said Overman.

The alien attack and subsequent fallout exposes the deepest vulnerabilities of the characters as they navigate a new, dangerous world. "Our *War of the Worlds* is, at its core, a story about humanity. If aliens attacked tomorrow and life as we know it was destroyed, how would we cope? What would it tell us about each other, and more importantly, about ourselves?" Overman added.

War of the Worlds features a critically acclaimed ensemble cast of Gabriel Byrne, Elizabeth McGovern, Léa Drucker, Natasha Little, Daisy Edgar Jones, Stéphane Caillard, Adel Bencherif and Guillaume Gouix. Gilles Coulier (*De Dag*, *Cargo*, *The Natives*) directed the first four episodes with Richard Clark (*Innocent*, *Versailles*) directing episodes five to eight.

"We can't wait for this bold recreation to premiere on African screens. We look forward to this world-class production based on a timeless story, that promises a unique combination of character-driven human drama and the very best science

fiction,” said Evert van der Veer, for Media Networks, The Walt Disney Company Africa.

View the trailer: <https://www.foxafrica.com/shows/fox/war-of-the-worlds/videos/trailer-war-of-the-worlds>.

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