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Amazon Studios premieres "Mozart in the Jungle"; sex, drugs & classical music

On Tuesday, December 23rd, Amazon Studios will premiere their latest series "Mozart in the Jungle", written by Oscar-nominee Roman Coppola, actor/musician Jason Schwartzman, Tony-nominated writer and direct Alex Timbers, and Oscar nominee Paul Weitz. The series is based on the critically acclaimed memoir "Mozart in the Jungle: Sex, Drugs & Classical Music" by Blair Tindall.

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"Mozart in the Jungle" is a dramatic comedy that tells the story of a young oboist, Hailey (Lola Kirke), who finds herself as the new kid on the block in the world of the New York Symphony. She quickly learns that besides proving that she belongs among such talented musicians, she will also have to contend with the strong personalities around her. These include ambitious new conductor Rodrigo (Gael Garcia Bernal), the seemingly outdated older conductor Thomas (Malcolm McDowell), and the resident diva (Debra Monk) who rattles her cage before she has even played a

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note with the orchestra. Besides those at work she has to cope with, which also include a hip cellist (Saffron Burrows) and the Chairman of the Board (Bernadette Peters), her wild roommate and new crush also bring new adventures and confusion into her life.

The entire cast does a wonderful job at bringing genuine emotion to their characters, ranging from insecurity to fearlessness in the pursuit of happiness within an unexpectedly drama-filled scene. Though Classical music is often utilized to calm one's nerves, the behind-the-scenes action is anything but calm.

All ten episodes of "Mozart in the Jungle" will be available for viewing exclusively on Prime Instant Video in the US, UK and Germany. You can watch on Fire HD, Amazon Fire TV, game consoles, smart TVs, mobile phones and other streaming devices. To find out more, and sign up for a 30-day free trial, visit Prime Instant Video's website. View the first episode for free here!

Check out my photos of the stars on the Red Carpet from the premiere at Alice Tully Hall here! You can view the trailer for the series here.

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