



## The CW Picks Up 'Supernatural,' 'Walker' Prequels

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On the verge of an expected sale to Nexstar, Warner Bros. and CBS' jointly-owned network The CW announced four new scripted series - two of them acquired - and one new unscripted series after having canceled ten shows headed into this week's upfront.

The Winchesters, slated for Tuesdays at 8 p.m., is a Supernatural prequel about the demon hunters John and Mary Winchester who preceded their sons Sam (Jensen Ackles) and Dean (Jared Padalecki) in supernatural combat. The Winchesters is executive produced and narrated by Ackles. Walker: Independence is a prequel to Walker, which stars Padalecki.

"As The CW looks towards the future, we are evolving and adapting to become more than just a network. We are a brand that drives our passionate and dedicated audiences to engage directly with our programming across all platforms, both linear and digital," said Mark Pedowitz, The CW Network's chairman and chief executive officer.

Canceled are Legends of Tomorrow, Batwoman, Naomi, Legacies, Dynasty, Charmed, Roswell, New Mexico, In The Dark and 4400. Pop-culture sensation Riverdale will end after its seventh season, which debuts in midseason.

The cancellations mean that The CW is suddenly much lighter on DC-based series with Legends of Tomorrow, Batwoman and Naomi joining Supergirl on their way out of the network. When new series Gotham Knights comes on board at midseason, the network will have four DC series on its air, including The Flash, which now becomes The CW's longest-running DC series with nine seasons, as well as Superman & Lois and DC's Stargirl, which The CW shares with HBO Max. Stargirl will anchor Wednesday nights this fall, while the rest of those shows return at midseason.

Much like its bigger network brethren, two nights a week will be dedicated to franchises with All American and spinoff All American: Homecoming airing on Mondays and Walker and Walker: Independence airing on Thursdays. Two new series - The Winchesters and acquired series Professionals, starring Tom Welling and Brendan Fraser - will air on Tuesday nights. Wednesdays will see DC's Stargirl followed by Kung Fu. Thursdays night are all for Walker with both Walker and Walker: Independence on the schedule.

New series Magic with the Stars, starring Criss Angel, joins World's Funniest Animals on Saturday nights, while acquired series Family Law joins returning series Coroner on Sundays.

Trailers for Walker: Independence and The Winchesters are below.

Walker: Independence

The Winchesters