

Hailing from Sydney, the Australian born Matuse is an actor, screenwriter and artist.

Since beginning his acting career Matuse has appeared in action thriller *THE FALL GUY* - starring alongside Ryan Gosling and Emily Blunt – and George Miller's *FURIOSA*, a prequel to the popular *MAD MAX: FURY ROAD*.

Other screen credits include iconic Australian series UNDERBELLY and feature film CEDAR BOYS.

Matuse also starred in season two of popular Paramount + TV series *LAST KING OF THE CROSS* as series antagonist 'Benny' alongside Naveen Andrews, Lincoln Younes and Tim Roth.

Matuse will appear in the upcoming feature film *BALLS UP* with Mark Wahlberg and the new black comedy TV Series *SUNNY NIGHTS*, starring as 'Dentist Dave.'





## **UPCOMING RELEASES**

## BALLS UP

Feature Film, TBA 2025 as 'Fuad' Dir. Peter Farrelly; Mark Wahlberg, Paul Walter Hauser attached

Two fired marketing executives attend a soccer match, leading to drunken antics that make them fugitives hunted across the country.

## **SUNNY NIGHTS**

Television Series, TBA 2025 as 'Dentist Dave' Dir. Trent O'Donnell; D'Arcy Carden, Will Forte attached

Martin and Vicki Marvin are an American brothersister duo who relocate to Sydney hoping to establish a spray tan business. They find themselves entangled with all the wrong people, trying to stay alive, out of jail, and in the black.





# MATUSE

FILM REEL













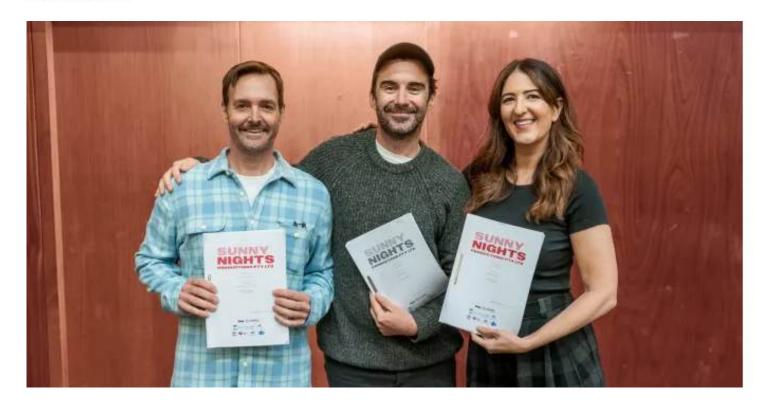


### DEADLINE

HOME / INTERNATIONAL / CASTING

#### Will Forte & D'Arcy Carden To Lead Stan's Dark Comedy-Drama 'Sunny Nights' From Trent O'Donnell, Jungle Entertainment, Echo Lake Entertainment & Cineflix Rights

By Jesse Whittock [+] July 10, 2024 9:00am

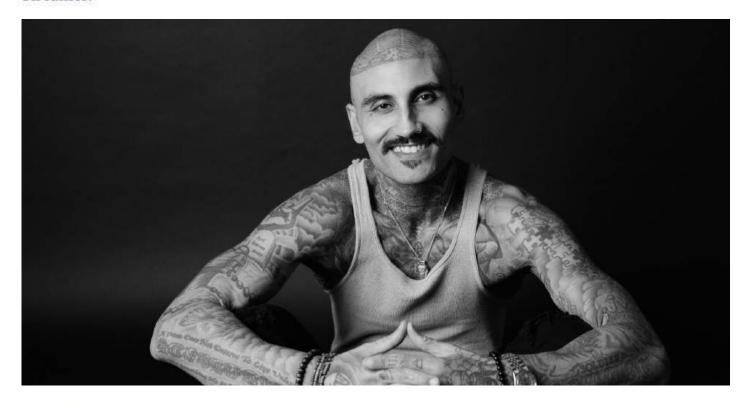


**EXCLUSIVE:** Will Forte (*The Last Man on Earth, Bodkin*) and D'Arcy Carden (*The Good Place, Barry*) have been cast as leads in darkly comic drama series *Sunny Nights* for Australian streamer Stan. As we revealed in March, Trent O'Donnell is directing and exec producing, and Echo Lake Entertainment is among the producers.

Sunny Nights will follow siblings Martin (Forte) and Vicki (Carden) Marvin who venture to Sydney determined to start their spray tan business. When they get caught up in the city's criminal underworld, they must figure out how to stay alive, out of prison and in the black. It's billed as "a story of how a little bit of sun, a change of scenery, and a touch of violent crime can help a person find their true self."

The series continues a recent trend for Nine Entertainment-owned streamer Stan to order plot-driven comedy-dramas with a mix of Australian and American acting and producing talent — think the Ben Feldman-starring series *Population 11* and satirical war comedy series C\*A\*U\*G\*H\*T, which starred Sean Penn and Michael Fox. News of Sunny Nights first came a few months back as part of Stan's latest slate, and it now has its leads, both of whom hail from the States.

Carden is known for NBC comedy *The Good Place*, Prime Video series *A League of Their Own* and HBO's *Barry*. We recently <u>revealed</u> she is fronting *WikiHole*, a comedy podcast from SmartLess Media. Forte, meanwhile, is an *SNL* alum known for playing the title role in comedy franchise *McGruber* and for his Fox series *The Last Man on Earth*. He most recently appeared in Netflix's TV series *Bodkin* and has been <u>cast in *The Four Seasons*</u>, a comedy for the same streamer.



Filming for Sunny Nights is underway in New South Wales, with an ensemble cast also including Rachel House (Hunt for the Wilderpeople, Heartbreak High), Jessica De Gouw (C\*A\*U\*G\*H\*T, The Drover's Wife), Megan Wilding (Gold Diggers, Mystery Road: Origin), Ra Chapman (White Fever, Wentworth), Miritana Hughes (Wakefield, Preacher), George Mason (Exposure, Black Snow), Matuse (Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga, The Fall Guy) and former professional rugby league player Willie Mason in his debut role.

Jungle Entertainment, which made Stan and O'Donnell's recent comedy-drama series

Population 11, is producing alongside Echo Lake Entertainment in association with Cineflix
Rights, which will have international distribution rights.



### Naveen Andrews, Matuse, Luke Arnold added to 'Last King of the Cross' S2

Sean Slatter - News Production TV & Streaming - February 5, 2024



British actor Naveen Andrews, known for his roles in *Lost* and *The Dropout*, will play lead antagonist, Ray Kinnock, in the second season of Paramount+'s *Last King of The Cross*.

Luke Arnold and Matuse also join the cast as Dean Taylor and Benny, respectively, two new drug lords hell-bent on bringing their booming trade into John's clubs.

They join previously announced Dave Hoey and Alex Kaan, who play Michael and Fadi Ibrahim.

Last King of the Cross is produced by Alexandra Doering, executive produced by Helium CEO Mark Fennessy and John Ibrahim, with Alexander Pettaras as associate producer.



Luke Arnold and Matuse.



