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John McNamara

Executive Producer / Co-Creator, "The Magicians"

John McNamara is the co-creator of Syfy's breakout fantasy drama "The Magicians." Based on the bestselling novels by Lev Grossman, the sophomore season will make its highly-anticipated return on Wednesday, January 25 at 9/8c.

McNamara moved to Los Angeles in 1984 and began a career as a screenwriter, eventually working for Disney, Warner Bros. and Paramount. In 1992, he became a staff writer on the Fox TV series "The Adventures of Brisco County, Jr." and in 1993 joined ABC's "Lois and Clark" as a writer and producer for three years. In 1996, he co-created and Executive Produced the critically-acclaimed thriller "Profit," followed by "Vengeance Unlimited," "The Fugitive," "Fastlane," "Eyes," "Jericho," "In Plain Sight" and "Prime Suspect."

Most recently, McNamara became a principal founder, along with Alexandra Cunningham and Sera Gamble, of Fabrication, a TV production company. In collaboration with Marty Adelstein's Tomorrow Studios, the company has several projects in several stages of development, including a reboot of ITV's 1970s classic, "The Persuaders." McNamara also wrote and co-produced the feature film "Trumbo," for which Bryan Cranston was nominated for an Oscar, as Dalton Trumbo. The film was nominated by the WGA for Best Adapted Screenplay and McNamara was awarded the WGAW's Paul Selvin Award, which honors writers whose work "embodies the spirit of the constitutional and civil right liberties that are indispensable to the survival of free writers everywhere."

Born and raised in Michigan, McNamara attended the University of Michigan and New York University. He currently lives in Los Angeles, where his personal interests include reading slowly, running quickly and scuba diving deeply.