

Second series is WANTED

Another exhilarating adventure awaits for Chelsea and Lola.

(7 August 2016, Embargoed until 12.00pm AEST) Channel Seven, Matchbox Pictures and R & R Productions today announced WANTED has been commissioned for a second series.

The hit drama premiered in February 2016 with a combined series average of 1.85 million viewers watching Lola (REBECCA GIBNEY) and Chelsea (GERALDINE HAKEWILL) on the run from the law and their past.

Series co-creator, Rebecca Gibney, said: "We are beyond excited with the commissioning of the second series of Wanted. Geri and I get on like a house on fire so we can't wait to return to life on the run. She's the perfect partner in crime."

Seven's Head of Drama, Julie McGauran, said: "We are delighted to announce the second season of Wanted. Clearly, audiences fell in love with the humour, warmth and sense of adventure that is the heart of the series."

Matchbox Pictures Managing Director, Chris Oliver-Taylor, added: "Matchbox is thrilled to be working with R & R and Channel Seven as we continue the journey of Chelsea and Lola into a second season, helping bring to life Rebecca's and Richard's amazing characters and story."

Principal photography begins late September. Further filming and casting announcements to come.

WANTED is produced by Matchbox Pictures in conjunction with R & R Productions.

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About Matchbox Pictures

Matchbox Pictures develops and produces scripted and non-scripted television programs and feature films for audiences throughout the world. It is responsible for drama programs such as 'The Slap', 'Underground', 'Nowhere Boys', 'Devil's Playground', 'Barracuda' and 'Deadline Gallipoli' as well as a large entertainment and factual slate. Matchbox works with some of the most exciting writers, directors and producers in Australia to deliver content that is internationally renowned. It is led by Chris Oliver-Taylor, with its drama output headed up by Debbie Lee and its entertainment and factual output headed up by Kylie Washington. Tony Ayres, Penny Chapman, Michael McMahon and Helen Panckhurst all hold senior roles in the company. Matchbox Pictures is an NBCUniversal company.

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