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WHAT'S NEW:

"Dollface"

On Friday, Nov. 15, Hulu presents this new comedy series created by Jordan Weiss. Weiss is a relative newcomer to the industry, and "Dollface" is her first endeavor as a writer and producer. She joked that she "was just trying to get a job on 'New Girl,'" but somehow ended up with her own show. Her series stars Kat Dennings ("2 Broke Girls") as Jules, who is trying to rebuild her neglected female friendships after being dumped by her longtime boyfriend. Joining the cast as Jules's closest (and neglected) friends are Brenda Song ("Dads") as Madison, Shay Mitchell ("Pretty Little Liars") as Stella and Esther Povitsky ("Crazy Ex-Girlfriend") as Izzy. While "Dollface" is about four female friends, Weiss has made it clear that their gender is not a critical factor. The series is based on her own experience of abandoning friendships when in relationships, and she hopes to avoid the classic "female friendship tropes." This new comedy series will appeal to anyone who has lost themselves in a relationship, or had a friend do the same. Don't miss the premiere of this deeply relatable series.



A scene from "UglyDolls"

"Anna and the Apocalypse" (2017)

Some of us have trouble deciding what genre of movie to watch at this time of year — do we keep watching horror movies, or start in on the festive holiday movies? "Anna and the Apoca-

lypse" will solve that problem for you. This comedy musical coming to Hulu on Wednesday, Nov. 13, perfectly balances zombies and Christmas. The story centers on teenager Anna Shepherd (Ella Hunt, "Dickinson"), who longs to see the world and experi-

ence life outside her small town of Little Haven before starting college. After a night working at the bowling alley with her best friend, John (Malcolm Cumming), Anna goes to bed, and wakes up the next morning to find her town overrun with zombies. With the help of her friends, Anna fights, sings and dances her way through zombified Santas, elves and Christmas shoppers in order to save her small town.

"UglyDolls" (2019)

On Wednesday, Nov. 13, this animated tale of friendship and belonging starts streaming. The film depicts a world where dolls are assigned to children, but each doll must be perfect in order to receive an assignment. If a doll is deemed imperfect, it is banished to the town of Uglyville. Moxy (Kelly Clarkson, "The Voice") is one such doll, but she never gives up hope that she will one day be in the "Big World" and belong to a child. After getting advice from Lucky Bat (Wang Leehom), Moxy decides to take her friends and head for the town of Perfection in order to find a child for each of them. The film also features the voices

of Wanda Sykes ("Black-ish"), Gabriel Iglesias ("Magic Mike XXL," 2015), and Nick Jonas ("Kingdom"). Watch as a ragtag group of friends faces bullies and learns that what truly matters is on the inside. Don't miss this uplifting animated film.

"Veronica Mars" (2014)

On Thursday, Nov. 14, this movie continuation of the popular TV series that originally aired from 2004 – 2007, joins the lineup. Fans of the series will know Veronica Mars (Kristen Bell, "The Good Place") as a cunning teenager from Neptune, California, who began her career as a private investigator long before she had even graduated high school. This film picks up nearly 10 years after the series ended, and brings the original cast back together. Mars has moved to New York City and has a good life — a loving boyfriend, a lucrative job offer, general stability. When she finds out that her ex-boyfriend Logan Echolls (Jason Dohring, "iZombie") has been accused of murder, she's drawn back to her hometown to solve the mystery. This film serves as a bridge between the original 2004-2007

run of the series and the new installment, which was released in 2019, and its addition means you can now watch the entire "Veronica Mars" series from start to finish on Hulu.

"The Wings of the Dove" (1997)

On Friday, Nov. 15, this Oscar-nominated drama starring Helena Bonham Carter ("The Crown") is ready for streaming. Carter stars as Kate Croy, who has lead an difficult life thanks to her parents — her father is an opium addict, and her mother chose a life with him over a life of privilege. When her mom dies, Kate's wealthy aunt offers her the chance to have the life her mother gave up on the condition that she sever all ties with her current life, including her father and her lover, journalist Merton Densher (Linus Roache, "Vikings"), who she has promised to marry. Kate reluctantly agrees to the terms, but when she befriends the American heiress Millie Theale (Alison Elliot, "The Phenom," 2016) and learns that she is dying, Kate comes up with a plan to stay with her lover without having to give up her wealth.



Jason Dohring and Kristen Bell in "Veronica Mars"



Kat Dennings stars in "Dollface"