

# NETFLIX this week

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## "The Eddy"

Academy Award-winning director of "La La Land" (2016), Damien Chazelle, and his team bring a slice of the Paris jazz scene to Netflix on Friday, May 8. The eight-episode limited series tells the story of Elliot Udo (André Holland, "Moonlight," 2016), an American expat co-managing The Eddy, a fictional modern-day jazz club in the City of Lights, alongside his partner, Farid (Tahar Rahim, "The Past," 2013). The series is a much darker take on jazz culture than that of "La La Land" and focuses on the raw feelings, financial struggles, personal traumas and race dynamics that are at play in the Parisian music subculture. Each of the eight episodes homes in on a leading character and tells their story, but the main character of the show is, without a doubt, the music itself. Written by producing legend Glen Ballard of "Jagged Little Pill" fame and Randy Kerber, Oscar-nominated composer of "The Color Purple" (1985), the soundtrack sets the stage for much of the action and underscores the themes of the seedy, yet gripping, Parisian nightlife. The show's writers and production team aim to provide an as true-to-life depiction of the capital city as possible, going as far as to incorporate French, English and Arabic throughout the dialogue from beginning to end and shooting the entire series in Paris rather than in a studio. The show also stars Amandla Stenberg ("The Hate U Give," 2018), Joanna Kulig ("Cold War," 2018) and Leila



André Holland and Joanna Kulig in "The Eddy"

Bekhti ("Paris, je t'aime," 2006) in recurring roles.

## "The Wrong Missy" (2020)

Adam Sandler fans can delight in Happy Madison Productions' newest film coming to Netflix on Friday, May 8. Starring David Spade ("Joe Dirt," 2001) as leading man Tim Morris, the film follows the hilarious consequences of technological privilege gone awry. When Tim meets his dream girl, Missy (Molly Sims, "Fired Up!", 2009),

and sends a text inviting her to his corporate retreat, he quickly learns that he has been texting the wrong woman, a different Missy (Lauren Lapkus, "Jurassic World," 2015), the whole time. Directed by comedy triple threat Tyler Spindel, ("The House Bunny," 2008) and co-starring household names Sarah Chalke ("Scrubs") and Nick Swardson ("Just Go With It," 2011), the film follows the classic comedic tradition of mistaken identity and the bumbling-protagonist trope

to deliver lots of hearty laughs to the audience. The film also features rapper-turned-actor and television personality Vanilla Ice ("That's My Boy," 2015).

## "Community"

Get schooled by all six seasons of "Community," available now on Netflix. When "Rick and Morty" creator Dan Harmon released the series on NBC in 2009, struggling lawyer Jeff Winger (Joel McHale, "The Happytime Murders," 2018), who faked his bachelor's degree, was forced to enroll in community college to produce a "legitimate" degree in order to get a decent job. There he met a group of misfit students of all ages and created a Spanish-class study group, which included the empathetic and politically conscious Britta (Gillian Jacobs, "Love"), socially awkward Abed (Danny Pudi, "Star Trek Beyond," 2016), Type-A model student Annie (Alison Brie, "The Five-Year Engagement," 2012) and former high school football star Troy (Donald Glover, "Solo: A Star Wars Story," 2018). Despite the passage of time and the loss of a few returning characters, the gang was still cracking as many jokes as ever — and still hoping to graduate from Greendale Community Col-

lege — when the series finale aired in 2015. Joining this star-studded cast of students as their aggressively ill-tempered Spanish teacher is Ken Jeong ("The Hangover," 2009). Chevy Chase (National Lampoon's Vacation, 1983), Jim Rash ("The Descendants," 2011) and Yvette Nicole Brown ("Repo Men," 2010) also star in this quirky college comedy.

## "The Walking Dead"

Catch up on the last nine seasons of "The Walking Dead," available now on Netflix. The show, which is currently working to wrap up Season 10 — the finale was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic — has been striking fear and excitement into the hearts of television fans since its debut in 2010. Nine seasons ago, the show began with Deputy Sheriff Rick Grimes (Andrew Lincoln, "Love Actually,"

2003) waking up to a new world after suffering a coma induced by an on-the-job gunshot trauma. As he staggers out of his recovery room and through the abandoned hospital looking for a doctor, or anyone who could shed light on his situation, he finds that he is very much alone. Alone, at least, until he discovers that the dead in his county have come back to life. Coming into contact with a group hiding out and preparing to fight the zombies, Grimes takes charge and risks everything in his fight to survive and hopefully reunite with his lost family. This iconic thriller series also stars Norman Reedus ("The Boondock Saints," 1999), Melissa McBride ("The Mist," 2007), Danai Gurira ("Black Panther," 2018), Jeffrey Dean Morgan ("Watchmen," 2009) and Steven Yeun ("Okja," 2017) and will return for an 11th season.



Chandler Riggs and Andrew Lincoln as seen in "The Walking Dead"

