

## Joshua Jackson Sticking With The Supernatural, Starring In Adaptation Of British TV Series UFO

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It took me a while to get used to seeing *Dawson Creek* star **Joshua Jackson** in *Fringe*, but like the series itself, Jackson eventually found a groove that I enjoyed revisiting. Now it seems he's sticking with the supernatural themes from *Fringe* with his next project. Jackson has signed on for the lead in *UFO*, an adaptation of the cult-hit British TV series.

The film will be directed by Matthew Gratzner, a first-time director who has worked as the visual effects supervisor on films like *Iron Man*, *Shutter Island*, and *The Fountain*. The script comes courtesy of first-time screenwriters Ryan Gaudet and Joseph Kanarek.

Given Gratzner's massive SFX credentials, *UFO* will probably look great at the very least. Let's not forget that *District 9* director Neil Blomkamp came out of the VFX world as well, and he was able to make that film look incredible on the cheap.

Says Gratzner:

Character development is the most critical part of 'UFO,' and Joshua's terrific talent and range is exactly what I need to convey the inner conflict of the character of Paul Foster.

I would agree with him there from Jackson's *Fringe* performance alone. He went on to star in a few films post-*Dawson*, including *Shutter* and *Battle in Seattle*, but nothing of much note. Here's hoping that his newfound relevancy with *Fringe* will lead to better things.