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## Ali Larter Might Join the Cast of Matthew Gratzner's UFO Movie

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A couple of weeks ago it was announced that Joshua Jackson would be starring in Matthew Gratzner's big screen adaptation of *UFO*, originally a 70's British sci-fi television series. Gratzner revealed to Forbidden Planet that **Ali Larter** is being considered for the lead female role. "For the character of Virginia Lake we've talked to Ali Larter, who's very interested." Gratzner told them. "I've actually met with her, and I think she would be a great addition to the picture. Lake is very strong and obviously also very feminine, and Ali Larter definitely encompasses that." Larter recently appeared in *Resident Evil: Extinction* and *Obsessed* last year.

*UFO* will also apparently be a trilogy. "There are **three movies** planned. The first script is completed, and number two and number three are treatments - and numbers two and three are even more spectacular," he added. Apparently Gratzner's getting a \$130 million budget for this and is aiming to start shooting in the spring in the UK. Gratzner is a visual effects industry veteran who has worked on numerous studio movies including *Iron Man*, *Hancock*, *Superman Returns*, *War of the Worlds*, and *Shutter Island* most recently. The screenplay for this new *UFO* adaptation was written by newcomers **Ryan Gaudet** and **Joseph Kanarek**.

As a refresher, *UFO* is about a test pilot named Paul Foster who joins **S.H.A.D.O.** (Supreme Headquarters Alien Defense Organization), a covert organization built underneath a Hollywood studio that defends Earth against aliens who are abducting humans for body parts. It doesn't sound like Larter is officially attached yet, so don't take this as confirmed casting. But it seems like she'll eventually sign on. Joshua Jackson and Ali Larter as the two leads in a big budget sci-fi movie? Sounds good, I guess. I'm not particularly fond of either actor, but I'll remain open-minded about this. We'll let you know if we hear anything, so stay tuned.

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- 6 The original TV series is still repeated on channel ITV4 in the UK. For a 60's show the special effects are not bad and there are some good episodes. One I watched recently was of an alien stalking the occupants of a house. That story would make a good film on its own.  
John J on Dec 12, 2009

sounds like a refreshing change from the current selection of bullsh\*t. Maybe it will actually work?

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Ryan Gaudet is probably the best writer I have come across and that's almost 40 years in the making. This movie will blow up and become the next decades generational film. 2 and 3 will be even better than one as it will be post 2012.

David on Dec 18, 2009

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