

‘13 Reasons Why’ casting call — season 3 includes San Rafael locations



Alisha Boe, from left, Dylan Minnette, Katherine Langford and Miles Heizer, from the cast of "13 Reasons Why," present the best kiss award at the MTV Movie and TV Awards on June 16 in Santa Monica. (Photo by Matt Sayles/Invision/AP)

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A sign alerts motorists about a film production in progress in San Rafael during filming of “13 Reasons Why” in 2016. (Alan Dep/Marin Independent Journal)

The controversial filmed-in-Marin Netflix series “13 Reasons Why” is gearing up to begin production in the Bay Area for season 3 starting this month, according to a casting company seeking Bay Area talent.

Glorioso Casting announced this week a digital casting call, looking for teen and young adult actors, ages 18 to 26. The digital casting call will be conducted via a live stream at 11 a.m. on Saturday on [13RYextras.com](https://www.13RYextras.com).

“Glorioso Casting is seeking actors, extras and stand-ins for SAG and non-union paid positions on the upcoming Netflix original series, ‘13 Reasons Why,’ which is filming in and around the Vallejo, Sebastopol and San Rafael areas in California,” [according to a press release](#).

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The series, which takes on topics such as teen suicide, bullying and sexual assault, has become a lightning rod for controversy for educators and mental health experts, who say the show could be harmful for at-risk youth. In the show the heroine Hannah Baker dies by suicide and leaves behind a box of cassette tapes giving 13 reasons why she chose to take her life.

[In a Facebook post](#), Glorioso Casting said that filming will be from Aug. 12 through Feb. 6 in the Bay Area.

Paramount Pictures, which produces the show, did not return request for comment.

For past seasons, the Paramount TV production filmed in San Rafael, including at the dock at China Camp, and in Mill Valley and Larkspur, among other Bay Area cities and towns, such as Sebastopol, Oakland and Vallejo.

“We’re in conversations, but no permit has been applied for,” said Brian Auger, the event and film coordinator for the city of San Rafael.

Auger said he believes that eventually a permit application will come to the city.

“Some of the main characters’ homes are in different neighborhoods in San Rafael,” he said.

Season 3 of “13 Reasons Why” was confirmed on June 6. [A teaser posted to Twitter](#) that same day confirms that the show is expected to be released in 2019.

The [first season drew concern and controversy from parents and educators](#) that the show was glorifying suicide.

Netflix canceled a premiere party for the second season of “13 Reasons Why” following the Santa Fe school shooting in Texas that left 10 dead. The series made its season 2 debut on May 18, and includes a video ahead of the first episode [in which cast members provide information on the show’s subject matter and suicide prevention resources](#). Netflix has also provided links to websites that offer information about “13 Reasons Why,” ways to watch and discuss the program, and other tools for viewers who may be considering suicide.

When asked about “13 Reasons Why” and its subject matter at the company’s annual shareholders’ meeting in June, Netflix Chief Executive Reed Hastings said that watching it is a matter of personal choice.

“Nobody has to watch it,” Hastings said, adding that it “has been enormously popular and successful for us.”

If you need help, or know someone who does, call Marin’s 24/7 suicide prevention and crisis hotline at 415-499-1100. For in-person or telephone grief counseling, call 415-499-1195.

Another resource for parents, educators, youth and clinicians is the “13 Reasons Why Toolkit” website: 13reasonswhytoolkit.org/

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