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Global Television Netwo

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No, of episodes 36

Camera setup

Running time

Bernard Lechowick



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Wild Card (TV series)

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Wild Card (also known as Zoe Busiek: Wild Card) is a comedy-drama series starting Joely Fisher. It was broadcast in the United States on Lifetime, and on the Global Television Network in Canada from August 2003 to July 2005.

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Synopsis [edit]

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Zoe Busiek is a former Las Vegas blackjack dealer whose life takes an unexpected turn when her sister dies in a car accident and she has to take care of her sister's three children, beenaged Taylor, preteen Cliff, and little kid Hannah. When the insurance company denies the family a financial settlement Zoe takes malters into her own hands, which leads her to a new career as an insurance fraud investigator with handsorne former criminal Dan Lennox and services both was one commiting her partners.

Each episode is centered on a particular case as well as Zoe's family life

Sophia later becomes the boss. She leaves the show in the second season, along with Marcos, and is replaced by M. Pearl McGuire, who becomes Zoe's and Dan's new boss.

Cast [edit]

Main [edit]

- Joely Fisher as Zoe Busiek
- Chris Potter as Dan Lennox
- . Rae Dawn Chong as Sophia Mason (season 1)
- Bronson Picket as Marcos Morales (season 1)
- . Jamie Johnston as Clifford "Cliff" Woodall
- Vikki Krinsky as Taylor Woodall
- Aislinn Paul as Hannah Woodall
- Loretta Devine as M. (Matilda) Pearl McGuire (season 2)

Recurring [edit]

- · Corey Sevier as Julian
- Yani Gellman as Ryder
- Joe Pingue as Leo Lombardi

Production notes [edit]

The series, which is set in Chicago, Illinois (filmed in Toronto), was created and executive produced by Lynn Marie Latham and Bernard Lechowick. The theme song for the first season is performed by Arry Sky, while the theme song for the second season, "I Believe In Me," is performed by Cherle.

Main crew [edit]

Lynn Marie Latham, Bernard Lechowick, Linda Gase, and Thania St. John. Latham and Lechowick were fired as showrunners by the end of the first season, replaced by Doug Steinberg (formerly a consultant on Dawson's Creex) (

Episodes [edit]

Series overview [edit]

Season		Enisodes	Originally aired		
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	1	18	August 2, 2003	January 24, 2004	
	2	18	July 11, 2004	July 16, 2005	

Season 1 (2003-04) [edit]

No. overall	No. in season	тие	Directed by	Written by	Original air date
1	1	"Pilot"	Stephen Surjik	Lynn Marle Laiham & Bernard Lechowick & Steve Blackman	August 2, 2003
		m Chicago who lives in Las Vegas. When she learns her sister leve she was so she sets out to prove it.	died in an accident, she goes back to take ca	re of her children. She then learns that the insurance company decides no	t to pay because eye witness account
2	2	"The Learning Curve"	Steve Blackman	Steve Blackman	August 9, 2003
woman's house is set or nat lives in her car.	n fire for trying to help o	ut the community, so Zoe and Dan go and interview a 12-year-	old boy named Jimmy who knew the woman t	that was killed. Sophia has trouble with her boyfriend. Hannah tries to prot	est for a crossing guard at her school
3	3	"Con Artistry"	Andrew Potter	Steve Blackman	August 16, 2003
		ed and used to be a thief. Meanwhile Dan's ex-fiancé; comes to goes to tell her, but when he does he sees Zoe and Marcos k		e turns him down the first time. Sophia and her boyfriend try to find a hou	se, but have differences tastes in a pla
4	4	"Hell Week"	Steve Blackman	Steve Blackman & Maria Kanelos	August 23, 2003
A drunken young woman ner past comes and surpr		eing mauled in a lion enclosure. The zoo sues the girl for tresp	ass. Zoe's and Sophie's investigation takes th	em to a university sorority where the girl was a pledge. Zoe tries to sort ou	t her feelings for Marcos, a visitor fron
5	5	*Dearly Beloved*	Steve Blackman	Steve Blackman	September 6, 2003
country club wedding th	nat was ruined by errant	lawn sprinklers.			
6	6	"Dead Again"	Steve Blackman	Steve Blackman	September 13, 2003
man falls overboard from	m a yacht, His beneficia	ries collect the insurance. Zoe investigates when the drowned	man dies a second time, 2 years later, Dan tri	es to prove the innocence of the man's partner who is in prison for embez	ziement.
7	7	"The Cheese Stands Alone"	Jeremy Podeswa	Steve Bjackman	September 27, 2003
he database of an upsca	ale matchmaking service	is destroyed.			
8	8	*Na Bull*	Sturla Gunnarsson	Steve Blackman	October 4, 2003
ophia stays behind to inv	vestigate a jewel theft, w	while Zoe and Dan are sent out of the city to investigate the hea	alth of a bull.		
9	9	"Mimi's Assetts"	Steve Blackman	Steve Blackman & Maria Kanelos	October 18, 2003
hen a fog machine expl	odes and kills a stripper	, Dan and Zoe go undercover in that strip-joint to gather clues	and find out who was responsible. Dan gets fi	red quickly, but Zoe soldiers on.	
10	10	"Spooked"	Steve Blackman	Steve Blackman	October 25, 2003
oe and Dan investigate a	a case of vandalism; Zoo	e deals with her niece's and nephew's Halloween antics.			
111	11	"Sand Trap"	Andrew Potter	Steve Blackman	November 8, 2003
oe and Dan investigate t	the death of a celebrity w	who may have changed her will to indicate she wanted to be cr	yogenically frozen.		
12	12	"Black Sheep"	Steve Blackman	Steve Blackman	November 15, 2003
oe and Dan investigate t	the circumstances of a la	arge auto insurance claim.			
13	13	"Bullet Proof"	Steve Blackman	Steve Blackman	December 6, 2003
oe is shot when she inte	rrupts a burglary in proc	iress.	-		

14	14	"Backstabbed"	John Bell	Steve Blackman	December 13, 2003
coe goes undercover as a	reality-TV contestant	in order to investigate a murder.			
15	15	"Auntie Venom"	Steve Blackman	Steve Blackman	January 3, 2004
				ne TV show "Nigel au Naturel", and a rivalling cruise company and Zoe fills in for the sick singer. Meanwhile, the kids shoot	
16	16	"Block Party"	Andrew Potter	Steve Blackman & Marla Kanelos	January 10, 2004
ne Pacific and has access	_			When Dan and Zoe investigate, it turns out that Victoria's lover s Meanwhile. Zoe tries to separate Taylor from Ryder at lea	
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Season 2 (2004-05) [edit]

No. overall	No. in season	Title	Original air date
19	1	"A Felony for Melanie"	July 11, 2004
20	2	"Dr. Sidney Loses a Kidney"	July 18, 2004
21	3	"Sniper Shot, Intern Hot"	July 25, 2004
22	4	"Roses Are Red, Vlolets Are Buslek"	August 1, 2004
23	5	"Bound and Gagged, Your Husband Was Snagged"	August 8, 2004
24	6	"Wham Barn, Thank You Dan"	August 15, 2004
25	7	"Slam Dunk Funk"	August 22, 2004
26	8	'Die, Die, Who Am 12 th	September 26, 2004
27	9	"Premonition Mission"	October 3, 2004
28	10	"Bada Bing, Bada Busiek"	October 10, 2004
29	11	"Tick Teck, Writer's Block"	October 17, 2004
30	12	"Blind in a Bind"	October 24, 2004
31	13	"Russian Missus Gels No Kisses"	June 11, 2005
32	14	"See Ya Later, Investigator!"	June 18, 2005
33	15	"A Whisper from Zoe's Sister"	June 25, 2005
34	16	"Multiple Personality Fatality"	July 2, 2005
35	17	"My Boyfriend is an Axe Murderer"	July 9, 2005
36	18	'Zoe's Phony Matrimony"	July 16, 2005

Syndication [edit]

The series was aired in syndication on the Lifetime Real Women network

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