



Wild Card (TV series)

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Wild Card (also known as **Zoe Busiek: Wild Card**) is a comedy-drama series starring 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]

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, teenaged Taylor, preteen Cliff, and little kid Hannah. When the insurance company denies the family a financial settlement, Zoe takes matters into her own hands, which leads her to a new career as an insurance fraud investigator with handsome former criminal Dan Lennox and serious but sweet Sophia Mason becoming 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 Pickett as Marcos Morales (season 1)
- Jamie Johnston as Clifford "Cliff" Woodall
- Vikki Kriinsky as Taylor Woodall
- Aislinn Paul as Hannah Woodall
- Loretta Devine as M. (Melinda) 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 Amy Sky, while the theme song for the second season, "I Believe In Me," is performed by Cherie.

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 Creek*).^[*citation needed*]

Episodes [edit]

Series overview [edit]

Season	Episodes	Originally aired	
		First aired	Last aired
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	Title	Directed by	Written by	Original air date
1	1	"Pilot"	Stephen Surjik	Lynn Marie Latham & Bernard Lechowick & Steve Blackman	August 2, 2003
Zoe Busiek is a free spirited woman originally from Chicago who lives in Las Vegas. When she learns her sister died in an accident, she goes back to take care of her children. She then learns that the insurance company decides not to pay because eye witness account claims her sister was at fault. But Zoe doesn't believe she was so she sets out to prove it.					
2	2	"The Learning Curve"	Steve Blackman	Steve Blackman	August 9, 2003
A woman's house is set on fire for trying to help out the community, so Zoe and Dan go and interview a 12-year-old boy named Jimmy who knew the woman that was killed. Sophia has trouble with her boyfriend. Hannah tries to protest for a crossing guard at her school that lives in her car.					
3	3	"Con Artistry"	Andrew Potter	Steve Blackman	August 16, 2003
Zoe finds out her partner, Dan, used to be engaged and used to be a thief. Meanwhile Dan's ex-fiancée comes to town. Marcos asks Zoe out on a date, but she turns him down the first time. Sophia and her boyfriend try to find a house, but have differences tastes in a place to live. Dan discovers he has feelings for Zoe and goes to tell her, but when he does he sees Zoe and Marcos kissing on the porch.					
4	4	"Hell Week"	Steve Blackman	Steve Blackman & Maria Kanelos	August 23, 2003
A drunken young woman falls into a coma after being mauled in a lion enclosure. The zoo sues the girl for trespass. Zoe's and Sophia's investigation takes them to a university sorority where the girl was a pledge. Zoe tries to sort out her feelings for Marcos, a visitor from her past comes and surprises her.					
5	5	"Dearly Beloved"	Steve Blackman	Steve Blackman	September 6, 2003
A country club wedding that was ruined by errant lawn sprinklers.					
6	6	"Dead Again"	Steve Blackman	Steve Blackman	September 13, 2003
A man falls overboard from a yacht. His beneficiaries collect the insurance. Zoe investigates when the drowned man dies a second time, 2 years later. Dan tries to prove the innocence of the man's partner who is in prison for embezzlement.					
7	7	"The Cheese Stands Alone"	Jeremy Podewas	Steve Blackman	September 27, 2003
The database of an upscale matchmaking service is destroyed.					
8	8	"No Bull"	Sturla Gunnarsson	Steve Blackman	October 4, 2003
Sophia stays behind to investigate a jewel theft, while Zoe and Dan are sent out of the city to investigate the health of a bull.					
9	9	"Mimi's Assets"	Steve Blackman	Steve Blackman & Maria Kanelos	October 18, 2003
When a fog machine explodes and kills a stripper, Dan and Zoe go undercover in that strip-joint to gather clues and find out who was responsible. Dan gets fired quickly, but Zoe soldiers on.					
10	10	"Spooked"	Steve Blackman	Steve Blackman	October 25, 2003
Zoe and Dan investigate a case of vandalism; Zoe deals with her niece's and nephew's Halloween antics.					
11	11	"Sand Trap"	Andrew Potter	Steve Blackman	November 8, 2003
Zoe and Dan investigate the death of a celebrity who may have charged her will to indicate she wanted to be cryogenically frozen.					
12	12	"Black Sheep"	Steve Blackman	Steve Blackman	November 15, 2003
Zoe and Dan investigate the circumstances of a large auto insurance claim.					
13	13	"Bullet Proof"	Steve Blackman	Steve Blackman	December 6, 2003
Zoe is shot when she interrupts a burglary in progress.					

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Genre	Comedy-drama
Created by	Lynn Marie Latham Bernard Lechowick
Starring	Joely Fisher Chris Potter Vikki Kriinsky Aislinn Paul Jamie Johnston
Country of origin	Canada United States
Original language	English
No. of seasons	2
No. of episodes	36
Production	
Executive producers	Lynn Marie Latham Bernard Lechowick Dougias Steinberg
Camera setup	Single-camera
Running time	45–48 minutes
Production companies	Fireworks Entertainment Lifetime Productions
Release	
Original network	Lifetime (United States) Global Television Network (Canada)
Original release	August 1, 2003 – July 16, 2005
External links	
Website	

