

# **Mira, Royal Detective premieres on DStv this November**

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- Set in a Fairytale Land Inspired by the Cultures and Customs of India,  
Series Has All-Star Cast of South Asian Actors
- Leela Ladnier, Freida Pinto, Kal Penn, Utkarsh Ambudkar, Hannah Simone,  
Jameela Jamil and Aasif Mandvi Lead the Cast of the Animated  
Mystery-Adventure Series

Disney Junior's animated series "**Mira, Royal Detective**" will premiere in South Africa on **Disney Junior, DStv channel 309** at **6pm** weekdays from **Monday, 9 November**.

Set in the magical Indian-inspired land of Jalpur, the series introduces a brave and resourceful girl from the town named Mira, who is appointed to the role of royal detective by the queen after solving a mystery that involves saving the kingdom's young prince.

As royal detective, Mira travels throughout the kingdom helping royals and town-folk alike. Along with her friend Prince Neel, creative cousin Priya, and comical mongoose sidekicks Mikku and Chikku, she will stop at nothing to solve a case, taking young viewers on adventures that highlight critical thinking and encourage deductive reasoning. Rooted in India's vibrant heritage, each episode will weave authentic music, dance and customs into two 11-minutes stories.



*Mira: Royal Detective is voiced by newcomer Leela Ladnier*

"Mira, Royal Detective", which has already been ordered for a second season, stars Freida Pinto, Kal Penn, Utkarsh Ambudkar, Hannah Simone, Jameela Jamil, Aparna Nancherla, Aasif Mandvi, Karan Soni, Maulik Pancholy, Sarayu Blue and Sarita Choudhury. Newcomer Leela Ladnier stars as the voice of Mira, alongside additional cast members Roshni Edwards, Kamran Lucas, Karan Brar, Parvesh Cheena and Sonal Shah.



*Kal Penn (Mikku) and Utkarsh Ambudkar (Chikku)*

*Photo credit: Disney Junior\**

*Link to cast video featurette is available [here](#).*

*Photos are available on request*

"We are thrilled to not only be introducing family audiences across the continent to a brave, empowered, creative and inspiring character in the form of Mira, but also to be celebrating India's vibrant heritage," says Evert van der Veer, Vice President, Media Networks, The Walt Disney Company Africa. "Each episode showcases the country's culture and customs, weaving costuming, music, dance, food and set design to specific holiday traditions and festivals into the storylines, offering a new addition to the diverse and exciting line up on Disney Junior."

Reflecting their importance in Indian culture, music and dance play an integral role in "Mira, Royal Detective." Each episode features at least one original song and Mira's signature recurring song, "We're on the Case." Both the songs and the underscore pair a variety of South Asian musical styles, including Bollywood, pop, classical, folk, fusion and more, with a classic Disney feel that will resonate with viewers of all ages around the world. The dance numbers also showcase the diversity of the culture, highlighting both northern and southern Indian styles, as well as big Bollywood routines.

Joining the announced cast in recurring and guest star roles are Kunal Nayyar ("The Big Bang Theory"), Danny Pudi (Disney's "DuckTales"), Iqbal Theba ("Glee"), Sunita Mani ("GLOW"), Karen David ("Fear the Walking Dead"), Rizwan Manji ("Perfect Harmony"), Hari Kondabolu ("Totally Biased with W. Kamau Bell"), Nardeep Khurmi ("Jane the Virgin"), Aarti Sequeira ("The Next Food Network Star"), Avantika Vandanapu (Disney+ Original Series "Diary of a Future President"), Julian Zane (Disney's "Doc McStuffins"), Brian George ("The Big Bang Theory"), Sakina Jaffrey ("House of Cards") and Madhur Jaffrey ("I Feel Bad").

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