"GINGER SNAPS" veterans start new TV thriller

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Up in Toronto, production began today on a new TV series reuniting two of the key players from the GINGER SNAPS films, one of the best franchises ever to come out of Canada.

BBC America has announced that shooting has started on ORPHAN BLACK, a sci-fi thriller show from Temple Street Productions. Original GINGER SNAPS director John Fawcett is helming, created the series with Graeme Manson (who also scripted) and is executive-producing with Manson, Ivan Schneeberg and David Fortier. Tatiana Maslany (pictured above), so memorable as Ghost in GINGER SNAPS: UNLEASHED, stars as Sarah, a street-smart girl who witnesses a woman's suicide and assumes her identity, cleaning out her bank account in the process. She then learns that both she and the dead woman are clones, sending her on the run. The cast also includes Maria Doyle Kennedy, Dylan Bruce, Jordan Gavaris, Kevin Hanchard, Michael Mando, Elizabeth Saunders and Ron Lea.

"We're very excited to be working with Graeme and John on bringing ORPHAN BLACK to the screen," Fortier says. "It's become a passion project that just happens to touch upon the very timely topic of self-identity. When we began working on this series, we were driven by the quality of the writing and the scope of the themes." The series is set to premiere in early 2013 as part of BBC America's Supernatural Saturday block, and in Canada on the Space channel.