

Shannon Tarbet Cast In HBO Pilot 'Virtuoso'; Keon Alexander Joins FX's 'Tyrant'



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Shannon Tarbet has landed a regular role on *Virtuoso*, HBO's classical music drama pilot from *True Blood* creator **Alan Ball**. Set against the complex and volatile backdrop of 18th century Vienna, it follows a class of young musical prodigies from all over Europe at the prestigious Academy of Musical Excellence. Tarbet plays Ina, who lives on the streets of Vienna. She is poor and dirty but very pretty and with a huge spirit and tremendous energy for life. She and her street-musician boyfriend face daily danger on the mean streets and have to fight for their love and safety. Tarbet has been working in theater and the UK, and her screen credits include the feature *A Promise* and TV series *Inspector George Gently* and *Monroe*. She next will be seen in the BBC miniseries *River* opposite Stellan Skarsgard. Tarbet is repped by United Agents in the UK and by Inspire Entertainment.

Keon Alexander has joined the Season 2 cast of FX's *Tyrant*. The series revolves around an unassuming American family drawn into the inner workings of a turbulent fictional Middle Eastern nation. Bassam "Barry" Al-Fayed, the younger son of the war-torn country's dictator, ends a self-imposed 20-year exile. His reluctant homecoming leads to a dramatic clash of cultures as he is thrown back into the familial and national politics of his youth. Alexander's role was not disclosed, but he will recur throughout the season. His credits include *Remedy*, *Legends* and *Rewind*, and he next will be seen in the feature *Eugenia And John*. Alexander is repped by Untitled Entertainment, Gary Goddard Agency and SMS Talent.