



Two yummy new TV shows to get sweet on
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Anyway, both the second-season premiere of The **Cupcake Girls** on W, and the Canadian debut of Kid in a Candy Store on the Food Network, take place on Wednesday.

The **Cupcake Girls** is a Canadian reality series focusing on entrepreneurs Heather White and Lori Joyce as they attempt to balance home life and work life. The back-to-back episodes kicking off the new season are more about babies than cupcakes, and while that's decidedly less tasty from our point of view, babies do grow into kids.

Speaking of which, Kid in a Candy Store follows Adam Gertler -- who actually is an adult -- as he criss-crosses the United States in search of the weirdest desserts. That means everything from margarita taffy to what appears to be no-melt ice cream.

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Kevin Williamson talks to Saverio Rana, who plays the thirder assassin in the edgy action film *Immortals*, hitting theatres Friday.

JFK's blond ambition



Charlotte Sullivan took the role of impersonating Monroe for TV's *The Kennedys* quite seriously

The soft coo of Marilyn Monroe's movie-star voice was a gift of heaven. "Charlotte Sullivan knew that," because she had researched Monroe so thoroughly, not merely out of duty, but also out of fascination.

"There's a big difference between playing (Monroe) in a movie and playing her at home," said Sullivan, the Canadian actress who portrays Monroe in the Kennedy's controversial eight-hour miniseries on the Canadian cable channel with a two-hour premiere Sunday, April 10 on History television.

"With my ambition, it could have gone either way, but I didn't put on 'the voice,'" said Sullivan, entering the innocent, sexy, sultry voice that Monroe emitted in her later films.

"I had watched her early movies and she didn't have that voice. It wasn't until a few movies into her career that she discovered that thing she could do."

As Marilyn Monroe could do was bring men to their knees. So when Sullivan landed this role in *The Kennedys* — which is airing on our screens Monday, with MacInnis showing up for the final night — Sullivan was both "over the moon" and "terrified" to use her exact words.



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"I really fell in love with her," Sullivan said of Monroe. "I had her very much prior to doing this, but researching her extensively, with her depression and her sadness, I just found her to be a stunning, smart, misunderstood person."

Sullivan, of course, is one of the main cast members in the hit-up series *Immortals*, which returns to Global and ABC for its second season June 16.

"We were going to be working on *Immortals* a lot sooner, so we were going to conflict with *The Kennedys*," said Sullivan, who plays the intently Call Peck in *Immortals*.

"That to be a little bit heavier for *The Kennedys*, so I was worried about trying to do it after but I volunteered to do it and ultimately for the *Kennedys*."

"I hope that's OK," Sullivan, in fact, holds her own beside the likes of Greg Kinnear, who plays John F. Kennedy, and Barry Pepper, who plays Bobby Kennedy.

"Having been there and watching Greg and Barry work, they're unbelievable as these characters, you really did feel it," Sullivan said. "There was something magical happening."

"Just listening to Greg's words he was releasing it was a kind of like OK, it was exactly like that, and Barry, he blew my mind. Someone was kind of takes out of screen mentally, because I would be thinking, 'My God, Barry is so good.'"

With such divergent roles in *The Kennedys* and *Immortals*, Sullivan is displaying the kind of acting range that the frustrated Monroe longed to display.

"They never really took (Monroe) seriously as an actress," Sullivan said. "She wanted to do different roles and they just told her, 'This is the thing that works for you, and that's it.'"

But if you watch *The Assassins* or *Immortals*, she is so compelling, obviously that beautiful to watch, but it's more than that. From their interview, there was just something about her that a lot of actors don't know, she just had that thing you can't describe."

"Like everyone, I got completely hooked and unaccounted. I never got sick of researching Marilyn Monroe."

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