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A.L. Steen’s dark western series [Animus Cross](#) is pulling up stakes and moving its shoot location from Idaho to Oregon for the second series of webisodes. This is good news for series stars [Trish Egan](#) and [Harold Phillips](#), who both reside in Portland, and great news for Portland talent who want to be a part of the series this season. The first series was shot in August, 2008 on the shores of Lake Pend Oreille in Northern Idaho, and the second series of webisodes was supposed to begin shooting in Oregon this past summer. But according to Phillips the production ran into scheduling issues with the cast and crew, and one unforeseen complication. “Leverage was monopolizing a lot of the stunt players needed for Series II,” said Phillips, so shoot dates were pushed to October.

Not everyone is returning this season. Local photographer [Andy Batt](#) will be replacing Jason Satterlund as Director of Photography, as Satterlund had some scheduling conflicts. Having seen Satterlund’s work on the series, I must say Batt has some mighty big shoes to fill, but if anyone can do it he can. Idaho composer Troy Gunter will continue to provide the haunting score for the series.

Animus Cross, an historical thriller set in the 1860s, follows a group of travelers stalked by mysterious shadowy creatures as they journey through the Idaho Territory. Steen says the theme of each series is Hell, and in fact the third series “Myself Am Hell” is named for a quote by Satan himself in Milton’s Paradise Lost. “This part of the quote took hold of me as a truth for the continuing journey our characters face within themselves,” says Steen.

Series I, “Hell Runs This Way,” stars Trish Egan (The Bicyclists), Harold Phillips (Lady Wasteland), Jerry Buxbaum (Leverage), Jeff Hime (The Human Trace), and David Steen, and is available for viewing online at www.animuscross.com. The second in the series, “Hell For The Company,” is currently in pre-production and will begin filming in late October. Steen plans to go into production on the third series, “Myself Am Hell” in mid 2010.