

A Constance LaPalombara Watch List

Compiled by Hank Paper, founder of Best Video Film and Cultural Center. "Everyone enjoys a good, smart recommendation - and these were right in Constance's wheelhouse," he said.

Woman at War, 2018. Written by Benedikt Erlingsson and Ólafur Egilsson and directed by Erlingsson.

For those who want to go or return to Iceland, this is your chance. A woman who is an expert archer singlehandedly declares war on the aluminum industry to save the environment. Great characters and Icelandic scenery, the latter underscoring the point of the plot. Has one of the best endings of any film.

Wallander, 2005-2013. Created by Henning Mankell.

This is of the most appealing detective series from anywhere. It features a highly relatable detective, intriguing cases, and absorbing Swedish atmosphere. Each episode is a full-length movie. Avoid the BBC remake with Kenneth Branagh, as England is no substitute for Ystad, Sweden.

Borgen, 2011-2022. Created by Adam Price.

In this series, Birgitte Nyborg, the first woman prime minister of Denmark, faces contemporary issues, political infighting, and domestic family pressures. Other intriguing characters are those of a TV news station whose journalists fight for their own professional and personal survival.

Inspector Montalbano, 1999-2021.

A German series featuring a young, clever, charismatic detective solving cases in a rural Sicilian village with a Mafia presence. Great series despite being dubbed with no subtitle option.

Chestnut Man, created by Dorte Warnøe Høgh, David Sandreuter and Mikkel Serup.

Spooky, creepy, and gripping, this dark thriller involves a brutal murderer who leaves behind his signature of a little man made of chestnuts.