In the style of television shows like The Odd Couple and Golden Girls, comedy shows featuring the lives and friendships of older Americans have been a hit-making formula for years. So it comes as no surprise that the streaming service Netflix would have a triumph with Grace and Frankie. Especially when you consider that the two main stars are legendary comedic actresses Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin.

Fans of the show will be thrilled to hear that Netflix has renewed Grace and Frankie for a <u>fifth season</u>. Grace and Frankie did not start out as a hit with critics but found an audience right away. It has since grown more popular and won numerous awards including Primetime Emmys, SAG Awards, and GLAAD Awards, among others.

The story of Grace and Frankie began in season 1 when the two women's husbands, who were longtime business partners, announced that they were in love with one another and planned to marry. Sam Waterston and Martin Sheen are hilarious as the happy new couple. Though Grace and Frankie travel in the same social circles, (bolstered) by the careers of their former husbands, the two have little in common but find hilarious common ground as they and their families navigate their new and modern structure. Ultimately they find not just friendship and solidarity, but they become business partners, designing and manufacturing <u>sex toys for older women</u>.

Something that fans appreciate about the show is how many funny and talented actors have guest starring and recurring roles and season five will be no different. Silver foxes Sam Elliott and Peter Gallagher have taken their turns their turns as love interests, as have Craig T. Nelson and Ernie Hudson. Grace and Frankie have entertained friends played by Estelle Parsons, Lisa Kudrow, Swoosie Kurtz, and more. There has been no shortage of talented actors, so Ru will be in fine company.

RuPaul has been a multi-faceted entertainer since the late 70s, but he has definitely been having a moment in modern popular culture. Fresh off a guest-starring role on the most recent season of Broad City and an Emmy win for RuPaul's Drag Race, he joins Grace and Frankie as a business rival of the titular characters. <u>RuPaul has famously said</u>, "you can call me he. You can call me she. You can call me Regis and Kathie Lee; I don't care. Just as long as you call me." Well, soon we'll be calling him <u>Benjamin LeDay.</u>

Season 4 of Grace and Frankie just dropped on Netflix on January 19 of this year, so we'll have to wait until 2019 to see what RuPaul brings to the mix. In the meantime, season 3 of RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars is underway on VH1. You can also binge-watch Netflix's Girlboss, where Ru portrays Lionel, the main character's saucy neighbor. So there is enough Ru to go around.

Until then, everybody say love!

"If you can't love yourself, how in the hell are you gonna love somebody else? Can I get an amen up in here!"

Bit: Hey, kitty girl! / Brace yourselves, squirrel friends. Netflix's Grace and Frankie has been renewed for a fifth season, and joining as a guest star is none other than singer, actor, activist, and Supermodel of the World, RuPaul!