

Candy Matson  
Created by Monty Masters

CANDY MATSON was the private eye star of Candy Matson, YUkon 2-8208, an NBC West Coast show which first aired in March 1949 and was created by Monty Masters. He cast his wife, Natalie Parks, in the title role of this sassy, sexy PI. Her understated love interest, Lt. Ray Mallard, was played by Henry Leff while her assistant and best pal, aptly named Rembrandt Watson, was the voice of Jack Thomas.

Every show opened with a ringing telephone and our lady PI answering it with "Candy Matson, YU 2-8209" and then the organ swung into the theme song, "Candy". Each job took Candy from her apartment on Telegraph Hill into some actual location in San Francisco. The writers, overseen by Monty, worked plenty of real Bay Area locations into every plot.

Candy was bright, tough, and fearless. She used her pistol infrequently, but was unintimidated by bad guys, regardless of circumstances. Threats, assaults, and even bullets would usually produce a caustic, but clever, response for this blonde sleuth. She and Mallard were frequently working the same case, but she usually solved it first.

OTR experts generally agree that this show was the finest of all the female PIs. Although the show ran until May 1951, it never attracted a sponsor (although the first season's final episode ended with the announcement that "Candy Matson Is San Francisco's Most Popular Program").

A total of 15 episodes (including the audition show and a revival) are currently in trading currency.

## RADIO

CANDY MATSON, YUkon 2-8208  
(1949-51, NBC)  
84 30-minute episodes  
2 "auditions" (pilots)  
A NBC-KGO San Francisco Production  
Producer/Director: Marty Masters  
Starring Natalie Parks-Masters as CANDY MATSON  
Also starring Henry Leff, Jack Thomas

Pilot

"The Donna Dunham Case" (April 4, 1949; audition show, uses "Exbrook 2-9994" instead of "Yukon 2-8209")

## First Season

"Title Unknown" (June 30, 1949)  
"The Cable Car Case" (July 7, 1949)  
"Title Unknown" (July 14, 1949)  
"Title Unknown" (July 21, 1949)  
"Title Unknown" (July 28, 1949)  
"Title Unknown" (August 4, 1949)  
"Title Unknown" (August 11, 1949)  
"Title Unknown" (August 18, 1949)  
"Title Unknown" (August 25, 1949)  
"Title Unknown" (September 1, 1949)  
"Title Unknown" (September 8, 1949)  
"Title Unknown" (September 15, 1949)  
"Title Unknown" (September 22, 1949)  
"Title Unknown" (September 29, 1949)  
"Title Unknown" (October 6, 1949)  
"Title Unknown" (October 13, 1949)  
"Title Unknown" (October 20, 1949)

"Title Unknown" (October 27, 1949)  
"Title Unknown" (November 3, 1949)  
"The Devil In The Deep Freeze" (November 10, 1949)  
"Title Unknown" (November 17, 1949)  
"Title Unknown" (November 24, 1949)  
"Title Unknown" (December 5, 1949)  
"Jack Frost" (December 19, 1949)  
"Valley Of The Moon" (December 27, 1949)  
"NC9-8012" (January 2, 1950)  
"Eric Spalding Concert" (January 13, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (January 20, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (January 27, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (February 3, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (February 10, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (February 17, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (February 24, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (March 7, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (March 14, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (March 21, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (March 28, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (April 4, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (April 11, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (April 18, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (April 25, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (May 2, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (May 9, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (May 16, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (May 23, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (May 30, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (June 6, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (June 13, 1950)  
"Symphony Of Death" (June 20, 1950)

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#### Second Season

"The Movie Company" (September 11, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (September 18, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (September 25, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (October 2, 1950)  
"The Fort Ord Story" (October 9, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (October 16, 1950)  
"The Egyptian Armulet" (October 23, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (October 30, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (November 6, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (November 13, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (November 20, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (November 27, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (December 4, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (December 11, 1950)  
"San Juan Batista" (December 18, 1950)  
"Title Unknown" (January 8, 1951)  
"Title Unknown" (January 15, 1951)  
"Title Unknown" (January 22, 1951)  
"Title Unknown" (January 29, 1951)  
"Title Unknown" (February 5, 1951)  
"Title Unknown" (February 12, 1951)

"Title Unknown" (February 19, 1951)

"Title Unknown" (February 26, 1951)

"Title Unknown" (March 5, 1951)

"Title Unknown" (March 12, 1951)

"Title Unknown" (March 19, 1951)

"Title Unknown" (March 26, 1951)

"Title Unknown" (April 2, 1951)

"Title Unknown" (April 9, 1951)

"Title Unknown" (April 16, 1951)

"Title Unknown" (April 23, 1951)

"Title Unknown" (April 30, 1951)

"Title Unknown" (May 7, 1951)

"Title Unknown" (May 14, 1951)

"Candy's Last Case" (May 21, 1951)

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Failed pilot for new series

"The Fortune Teller" (September 21, 1952; phone number was changed to Yukon 3-8309...go figure