



Press Release

International and local shows starting from this April on e.tv

WWE Special: Saturday Night's Main Event - Sunday 9 April at 2pm

e.tv brings you another wrestling spectacular. *Saturday Night's Main Event* is three hours of carnage with the greatest names in the wrestling industry at each other's throats for your viewing pleasure. At *Saturday Night's Main Event*, the participants in the WrestleMania 22 main events will collide when the RAW team consisting of WWE Champions John Cena & Triple H takes on the SmackDown! trio of Randy Orton, Rey Mysterio & the World Heavyweight Champion. Will the numbers game prove to be too much for The Champ & The Game, or will the RAW team overcome the odds and be victorious? Tune in to *Saturday Night's Main Event* this Sunday April 9 at 2pm on e.tv to find out...

Fear Factor South Africa Finalé - Monday 17 April at 8pm

It's D-day, the hour of reckoning. Fear Factor Extreme has eliminated seventeen of an original twenty contestants. The three that start this episode deserve to be called heroes! They've had to beam walk at seven storeys high, they've eaten live cockroaches, they've had to walk on high rise window ledges and they've been subjected to containers full of maggots. These guys know the meaning of the word Extreme. But then the game throws the remaining contestants a total

curved ball. For one, it is a worst of worst fears and it could mean quitting. With tear-strained eyes and a pumping heart, this contestant must decide to proceed or not. This episode is the final playoff... The last two contestants perform a three stage super stunt. It's an awesome reminder that we may think we are fearless and we may often succeed, but there might be someone who can do it better. That person walks away tonight with R250 000, sponsored by Insurance Services from Standard Bank.

Backstage AIDS Benifit Concert 2006 - Saturday 22 April at 3pm

We've got the cream of the Hip Hop crop at the *Backstage AIDS Benefit Concert*, happening on Saturday April 22 at Johannesburg's Standard Bank Arena. The two-hour concert has the Backstage actors as hosts; Kwaito star Loyiso Mangena (Chippa); a dancing Lorcía Cooper (Charmaine); spinning DJs and Vulindlela College's Gyles (Ryan Laatz); Melissa (Mari Michael); Lerato (Tahirih) and Shaka (Quincy Myeza), plus Baby Cele (Katlego) singing for this great cause. Also participating are Malaika; HHP; Wikid; Backstage EMI Superstar Search 2005 winner, Jason Schaap; Jamali; Lebo and Skwatta Kamp. All proceeds go to Good Hope Home-Based Care (based in Thembisa) and Orlando West's Ikageng/Itereleng Ministry.

The Mountain - starts Saturday 22 April at 6.05pm

Boundary Mountain is an escapist playground for wealthy tourists and extreme sports enthusiasts, but to the Carver family, it's home. The Carver's patriarch founded the town and its internationally famous ski resort, but when this legendary man unexpectedly dies, his choice of an heir sends shockwaves throughout the community. Free-spirited David Carver, Jr. left home years ago to pursue his dream of becoming a world-class motorcross racer, while his older brother, Will, diligently attended business school with every anticipation of taking over the family empire. No one, least of all the brothers themselves, expected David to inherit Boundary Mountain. David finds himself saddled with a responsibility he never wanted and a brother who rightfully feels betrayed. Starring Oliver Hudson and Anson Mount. (The sexy Oliver Hudson is Kate Hudson's brother and Goldie Hawn's son.)

Curb Your Enthusiasm (New Season!) - starts Wednesday 26 April at 9.35pm

He's got it all: a loving wife, good friends, a successful career, a great home...What could possibly go wrong for Larry David? *Seinfeld* co-creator Larry David stars as himself in this hilarious, off-kilter comedy series that presents an unflinching, self-deprecating depiction of his life. Each episode features cinema verité footage of David at home, at work and around town as he gets into predicaments often involving real-life celebrities. Starring Larry David and Cheryl Hines

The Bachelor, e.tv's brand new international reality show - starts Sunday 30 April at 4pm

One lucky man gets the opportunity to find the woman of his dreams - and hopefully his bride-to-be--in this reality series. *The Bachelor* embarks on a romantic journey to meet dozens of women, selecting 15 as potential mates. He continues to narrow the field, from 10 to 5, then 3, and ultimately, the 1 woman to whom *The Bachelor* will propose marriage in the series' dramatic final . The show also takes an in-depth, behind-the-scenes look at the lives of each participant involved in this unique courtship. Each week America's most eligible single man will date the candidates while travelling to exotic locations around the world, introduce some to family and friends and even take a few of them home to meet Mom! But the big mystery is: When he pops the question, will she accept? Hosted by Chris Harrison.

Kitchen Confidential (First time on South African television!) - starts Monday 1 May at 9pm

Based on renowned chef Anthony Bourdain's best-selling autobiography and from executive producers Darren Star (*Sex and the City*) and Dave Hemingson (*Just Shoot Me!*, *American Dad*), *Kitchen Confidential* exposes the secrets of the restaurant business through the delectable story of a talented chef who's determined to climb back to the top of the food game. Chef Jack Bourdain found enormous success at a young age. Unfortunately, Jack's culinary genius also led to a lifestyle of boozing, womanising and drugs, excesses which eventually landed him in the gutter. After hitting rock bottom and deciding to sober up, the only job he could get was

slopping soggy pasta for the masses at a tacky opera-themed restaurant. Out of the blue, Jack was offered an opportunity to get back in the game as head chef at a top New York restaurant. Jack hastily assembled a renegade crew of colleagues from his past, including chefs Steven and Seth, and a rookie pastry chef named Jim. Also along for the ride are Tanya and Mimi, the restaurant owner's gorgeous daughter, who can't wait for Jack to fail. From the diners at the front of the house, to the head chef and his rock-star culinary team at the back of the house, *Kitchen Confidential* is a tasty look at the underbelly of the restaurant world. Starring Bradley Cooper and Bonnie Sommerville.

Out Of Practice launches on your favourite channel Monday 1 May at 9.30pm

Out Of Practice is a comedy about a family of physicians who share the same profession, but have little else in common. Ben Barnes is an earnest young couples' counsellor whose family doesn't consider him to be a real doctor because he doesn't have "M.D." after his name. They're the real doctors: Ben's brother, Oliver is good-looking, self-centred, and a plastic surgeon who enjoys dating the prettiest women in town, some of whom he helped make that way; and his sister Regina is an E.R. doctor who's hooked on the non-stop action there. Their divorcing parents are Stewart, a gastroenterologist who is glad to be free from the reins of his controlling wife, and Lydia, a driven, status conscious cardiologist whose career eclipsed her ex's years ago. Stewart is also dating Crystal, his assistant, who just happens to be a patient of Oliver's. But despite their lofty credentials, Ben might be the best prescription for the future of this family. Starring Henry Winkler and Stockard Channing.

The Rough Cut - the new season launches Sunday 7 May at 6.30pm

The Rough Cut returns for a second season. The cutting edge documentary series, produced by Anne-Marie Hanna and Deon Kloppers, takes the viewer on a journey behind the scenes where e.tv journalists' recount the risks they have taken and share the ethical and moral dilemmas they are faced with daily. This season promises to let viewers in on the drama, the scandal and the intrigue that

happens on the other side of the camera. Don't miss it *The Rough Cut* Sunday at 6.30pm.

Great Expectations - Launches Monday 8 May at 11.30am

So, you have it all - good qualifications, a career, financial independence, a great fitness regime, party nights with the girls, the man of your dreams ... and ... you're pregnant. Your mother experienced nothing like this. Your superwoman schedule is so busy that you barely have the time to feed yourself, let alone two of you. Where are you going to find the time to be a mother, a career woman, a lover, a friend ...? How can you possibly be everything to everyone ... and find time for yourself? Not to fret, help is at hand... On Monday 8 May at 11.30am, e.tv launches *Great Expectations* - the 21st century guide to motherhood. Produced by Sally Burdett and hosted by Sam Cowan, *Great Expectations* is a candid, informative and entertaining live series which deals with the effect of motherhood on the 21st century woman. Based on an interview-driven and interactive format, the series will deal with a range of issues from baby care to managing your life and your health through pregnancy and beyond. It will adopt an irreverent and honest approach to issues facing today's mothers and will pull no punches in dealing with controversial issues. Sam will host the live show on Mondays and Tuesdays at 11.30am. And on Wednesdays also at 11.30am e.tv brings you the best international child-care series and documentaries...

America's Next Top Model - Launches on e.tv Tuesday 9 May at 9pm

America's Next Top Model chronicles the transformation of everyday young women into potential supermodels. The participants will live together in a New York penthouse and vie for a multi-faceted Grand Prize package featuring the opportunity to receive a Revlon modelling contract and to be managed by Wilhelmina Models, in addition to a guaranteed appearance in Marie Claire magazine. Cameras catch each moment as participants face weekly tests that determine who makes the cut. With mentoring by supermodel Tyra Banks and exposure to high-profile fashion industry gurus, the finalists compete in a highly accelerated modelling boot camp, a crash course that could lead to supermodel fame. Participants are asked to

demonstrate both inner and outer beauty as they master complicated catwalks, intense physical fitness, fashion photo shoots and publicity skills, all under 24-hour-a-day surveillance. Banks leads the panel of *America's Next Top Model* judges, comprising leading fashion industry experts that include former supermodel Janice Dickinson; Marie Claire fashion editor Beau Quillian and Baby Phat creative director Kimora Lee Simmons, who will conduct regular evaluations to narrow the field from week to week. For this and more tune into e.tv Tuesday 9 May at 9pm.

**The second season of Arrested Development returns to e.tv
Sunday 14 May at 7.30pm**

Seven time Emmy Award-nominee Arrested Development revolves around Michael Bluth, the "normal" one in a family of crazies who was forced to stay in Orange County and run the family real estate business after his father, George Bluth Sr., was sent to prison for shifty accounting practices. While George Sr. spent the last year in the slammer discovering his newfound Judaism and recording inspirational tapes, Michael spent it picking up the pieces and trying to teach his offbeat family how to live without an endless expense account. All the while Michael has also been trying to do right by his 14-year-old son, George Michael, an earnest kid who works diligently at the family's frozen banana stand. The Bluths are led by manipulative matriarch Lucille Bluth, a socialite who is as icy as her martinis. Then there's the oldest son, Gob, a womaniser and struggling magician (sorry, "Illusionist") whose biggest trick will be to make a real job appear. The youngest brother is Buster, a neurotic professional grad student and glorified mama's boy (he spent 11 months in the womb). The Bluth siblings are rounded out by cause-obsessed sister Lindsay, who is married to the hapless Tobias, a doctor-turned-actor who might get more work if he wasn't a self-proclaimed "never-nude." Starring Jason Bateman and Portia De Rossi.

Let's Fix It – Tuesday 6 June at 8.30pm

Let's Fix It is a half-hour, weekly reality series in which popular presenter Samm Marshall is challenged to fix people's problems. In the short time since its inception, the Let's Fix It team has assisted in

helping a diverse group of people with computers, wheelchairs, food, house-repairs, medical assistance and much more. The second season returns to your favourite channel 6 June at 8.30pm.

Sons of Thunder - Starting 18 June at 4pm

In this spinoff of Walker: Texas Ranger, Detective Carlos Sandoval resigns from the Dallas Police after his partner is murdered. He then hooks up with childhood chum Trent Malloy, an ex-military martial arts instructor. Together they decide to form a private investigation business. Trent's brother, Tommy, and ex-cop turned bartender Butch McMahon help them out from time to time. The cynical Detective Ryan fills the Inspector Lestrade role. Sometimes this show delves into darker territory than its predecessor. Starring James Wlcek and Marco Sanchez.

Coming to the small screen this winter are five of Sylvester Stallone's nail-biting adventures:

First Blood - 2 June

Rambo First Blood II - 9 June

Rambo III - 16 June

Cobra - 23 June

Cliffhanger - 30 June

Catch your favourite Stallone movies on your favourite channel every Friday in June at 8pm.

This winter e.tv brings you a fabulous Julia Roberts Chick Flick festival. That's right; just bring yourself, a hot cuppa and a fleecy blanket, and your evening will be well-rounded. The festival starts off with *My Best Friend's Wedding*, Thursday 1 June and ends with *Erin Brockovich*, Thursday 29 June.

Other movies not to be missed in this festival are:

Stepmom (8 June at 8pm)

Runaway Bride (15 June at 8pm)

America's Sweethearts (22 June at 8pm)

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