



## Press Release

### A Brink in the Hand: Madam & Eve Monday 10 October at 9pm

### ANDRÉ P BRINK MAKES A GUEST APPEARANCE AS VAGRANT ON MADAM & EVE

In tonight's exclusive episode of Madam & Eve the illustrious anti-apartheid literary icon, André P Brink makes a special guest appearance. Brink is best known as a prolific novelist, playwright, travel writer, translator, literary critic, mentor, professor, and polemicist. He can now include the part of actor to his long list of accomplishments. In this episode, he plays two roles: himself, as well as a vagrant.

The storyline: Madam scores a big coup for her book club -- famous South African author, André P Brink, who recently published a new book, *Praying Mantis*. However there is one small problem. Madam has a huge altercation with a stranger over a parking space, and it turns out to be *the* André P Brink. He cancels his appearance and Madam has only one way out: to find a Brink look-alike. Enter the vagrant...

The show stars Tina Jaxa (Eve Sisulu), Val Donald Bell (Gwen Anderson, or Madam), Paddy Canavan (Edith Anderson, or mother), Joe Mafela (Sol the gardener) and Jennifer Steyn (Marge the neighbour).

#### MADAM & EVE - A SYMBOL OF RECONCILIATION

Madam & Eve reach out to each other - across the kitchen and the mop. With its characteristic warmth and humour, Madam & Eve is a path breaking and ultimately healing television show.

The cartoon strip has never been afraid to examine the fears, prejudices and foibles of white and black South Africans alike. As the famous sitcom All In The Family did in the 1970s in America, the Madam & Eve sitcom aims to show South Africans the absurdities of separateness.

Madam & Eve is, more than anything else, a comedy of hope. Its unique formula has brought attention and praise from around the world. When the first series aired, the BBC did a news story on the transition of 'South Africa's best loved cartoon strip' to screen.

They commented on how Madam & Eve tackles 'hot political issues', while still keeping audiences laughing. Of course, it's the reaction back home that counts - from kids to pensioners and across all race groups it ahs always been one of the most popular local programmes on e.tv.

For further information and pictures contact:

Herman Lategan  
e.tv Publicity Writer  
Tel: (021) 481-4634