

TNT Greenlights New Series DALLAS

TNT has given the greenlight to **DALLAS**, an all-new series based upon one of the most popular television dramas of all time, about the bitter rivalries and family power struggles within a Texas oil and cattle-ranching dynasty. Famous for its ratings-grabbing cliffhangers, the original series was known for its wealth, seduction, scandal and intrigues. Set in the big state of Texas, TNT's new **DALLAS** — from Warner Horizon Television — also lives life large and in the fast lane and brings a new generation of stars together with cast members from the original drama series. The new **DALLAS** stars **Josh Henderson** (*90210*), **Jesse Metcalfe** (*John Tucker Must Die*), **Jordana Brewster** (*Fast & Furious*), **Julie Gonzalo** (*Veronica Mars*) and **Brenda Strong** (*Desperate Housewives*), and they will be joined by iconic stars **Patrick Duffy**, **Linda Gray** and **Larry Hagman** as J.R. Ewing. TNT has ordered 10 episodes of **DALLAS**, which is slated to premiere in summer 2012.

TNT will give viewers their first look at **DALLAS** on Monday with a special sneak peek during the season premieres of the network's blockbuster hits **THE CLOSER**, which starts at 9 p.m. (ET/PT), and **RIZZOLI & ISLES**, which airs at 10 p.m. (ET/PT). TNT is unveiling today a website dedicated to the new **DALLAS** series, where fans can view an online photo gallery that features a first look into the show's new and returning cast. Fans can visit the new site, <http://www.dallastnt.com>, to watch sneak peeks and behind-the-scenes videos. The website will be periodically updated with new materials.

"TNT has explored the possibility of an updated version of **DALLAS** for several years, but it wasn't until we read Cynthia Cidre's outstanding pilot script that we knew we had the foundation for a great new series," said Michael Wright, executive vice president, head of programming for TNT, TBS and Turner Classic Movies (TCM). "It is incredibly exciting to see both new and familiar characters in the hands of a dream cast under the guidance of the enormously talented Cidre and Mike Robin. We couldn't be more pleased with how **DALLAS** has come together."

The original **DALLAS** aired from 1978 to 1991 and centered on the Ewing family, a cattle and oil dynasty occupying the expansive Southfork Ranch in Texas. A long and bitter rivalry between brothers J.R. Ewing (Hagman) and Bobby Ewing (Duffy) eventually led to J.R. losing control of most of the Ewing industries. In the new **DALLAS**, this explosive rivalry now lives on through another generation, with the future of the family fortune in the hands of the Ewing offspring: cousins John Ross Ewing (Henderson), the son of J.R. and ex-wife Sue Ellen (Gray), and Christopher Ewing (Metcalfe), the adopted son of Bobby. Brewster stars as Elena, who is involved in a love triangle with Christopher and John Ross. Gonzalo stars as Christopher's fiancée, Rebecca. And Strong stars as Ann, Bobby's wife.

Executive producer **Cynthia Cidre**, who wrote the acclaimed film *The Mambo Kings* and produced the TV series *Cane*, wrote the pilot for the new **DALLAS**. TNT's series is based on the original series created by **David Jacobs**. The new *Dallas* comes to TNT from **Warner Horizon Television**. **Michael M. Robin** (*The Closer*) is the director and executive-producer of the pilot.

About Warner Horizon Television

Warner Horizon Television (WHTV) is one of the entertainment industry's leading producers of scripted series for the cable marketplace and primetime reality series for both network and cable. Founded in 2006, this second production entity allows the Warner Bros. Television Group to expand its programming offerings and explore creative options made possible under a new business model. WHTV's current unscripted series are *The Voice* for NBC, *The Bachelor*, *The Bachelorette*, *Bachelor Pad* and the upcoming *Take the Money and Run* for ABC, *H8R* for The CW and *Randy*

Jackson Presents America's Best Dance Crew for MTV. Scripted programs from WHTV are *Rizzoli & Isles* and *Memphis Beat* for TNT, as well as *Pretty Little Liars* and *The Lying Game* for ABC Family.

About TNT

TNT, one of cable's top-rated networks, is television's destination for drama. Seen in 100.5 million households, the network is home to such original series as *The Closer*, starring Emmy® winner Kyra Sedgwick; *Rizzoli & Isles*, starring Angie Harmon and Sasha Alexander; the Peabody Award-winning *Men of a Certain Age*, with Ray Romano, Scott Bakula and Andre Braugher; *Falling Skies*, starring Noah Wyle; *Franklin & Bash*, with Mark-Paul Gosselaar and Breckin Meyer; *Leverage*, starring Timothy Hutton; *Hawthorne*, with Jada Pinkett Smith; *Memphis Beat*, with Jason Lee; and *Southland*, from Emmy-winning producer John Wells (*ER*). TNT also presents such powerful dramas as *The Mentalist*, *Bones*, *Supernatural*, *Las Vegas*, *Law & Order*, *CSI: NY*, *Cold Case* and, starting next year, *Castle*; broadcast premiere movies; compelling primetime specials, such as the *Screen Actors Guild Awards®*; and championship sports coverage, including NASCAR, the NBA and the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship. TNT is available in high-definition.

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