

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

HOMEBOYS IN OUTER SPACE



"Homeboys in Outer Space," the new sci-fi, high five comedy starring (clockwise from bottom left) Flex, special recurring guest James Doohan, Rhona Bennett, Darryl M. Bell, Paulette Braxton, Kevin Michael Richardson, and occasionally an alien airs Tuesdays, 8:30pm (RT/PT) on UPN.

A new comedy starring Flex and Darryl M. Bell, zooms into warp drive on its maiden voyage, Tuesday, Aug. 27 on UPN.

Fasten your seat belts and stow all critical thinking in your overhead compartment as "Homeboys in Outer Space," starring standup comedian Flex ("Where I live") and Darryl M. Bell ("A Different World"), prepares to dock and take on inter-planetary passengers for its maiden voy-

age on Tuesday, Aug. 27, 8:30 pm (ET/PT) on UPN.

Rhona Bennett, Paulette Braxton, Kevin Michael Richardson, and special recurring guest star James Doohan ("Star Trek's" Scotty), also star in this new half-hour comedy.

The series was created and is executive produced by Ehrlich Van Lowe, whose previous series credits include co-executive producer on "The Cosby Show," and executive

producer on the critically acclaimed FOX comedy, "Roc."

Van Lowe was also co-creator, as well as executive producer, on the highly-lauded series "Where I live," focusing on an African-American family living in New York City's Harlem.

The series was applauded for its portrayal of a loving, closing-knit black family living with the usual day-to-day problems typical of families everywhere.

This time the sights are higher for Van Lowe as he goes from streetwise to stratospheric with "Homeboys in Outer Space," which concerns these strenuously striving soldiers of misfortune Tyberious Walker (Flex) and Morris Clay (Bell).

"Homeboys" will be like nothing you've ever seen before," says Van Lowe. "The show will be straight-up funny. On 'Star Trek,' we're always seeing Captain Kirk solving problems throughout the universe. But here we have a couple of brothers, in their twenties, trying to learn a little about life and themselves."

The entrepreneurial earthlings, Ty and Morris, ply their trade--whatever it may be that week--through the outer frontiers of chartered space in the 23rd century.

Friends since childhood, these guys formed a business alliance to do something--anything--that will make them rich quick so that they can buy a little planet to call their own. More often than not, their exploits wind up costing them more than they bring in.

Between assignments, the guys hang out at the Jupiter Too, the local solar system bar, where they bluff about their latest conquests with fellow adventuress Amma (Braxton) a female warrior whose more man than the two of them together.

The owner of the bar is the fierce Vashti, who occasionally gives work to his brother-in-law Ty and Morris--and who'd chew the guys up--literally--if they messed up.

As their mis-adventure unravels this season, the intergalactic duo will be having close encounters with the unkind denizens of their galaxy, such as record mogul Gordy Geffen Berry, stolen goods dealer Milky Ray and an insidious new computer who goes gigabyte to gigabyte against her rival, Loquatia.

Professional Wine Awards Ceremony at the Oregon State Fair

The Oregon State Fair Wine awards Ceremony has become a popular event for the Oregon State Fair. The ceremony is open to the public and takes place Thursday, August 22 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Cascade Hall on the Oregon State Fairgrounds.

The competition will feature entries from wineries throughout Oregon. Area restaurants and caterers will offer a variety of foods to accompany the wines. Hot or iced gourmet coffee and other non alcoholic

beverages also will be available. Tickets will be available at the door for \$15, but will not include fair admission or parking. For minors, tickets are \$8.00.

In mid-August, a panel of five judges will taste and evaluate all wine entries.

Winning entries will receive a special medallion, and the Oregon Winegrowers Association will provide a plaque to each of the Best of Show winners.

Both professional and amateur

award winning wines will be on display during the fair, August 22 through September 2.

In addition, wine pouring will take place at Oregon Country, a new area

developed for the 1996 Oregon State Fair.

For more information, please call the Oregon State Fair Wine department at (503) 373-1797.

Last Chance

On Wednesday September 11th Z100 Radio will be celebrating Last Chance Summer Dance at Tom McCall Waterfront Park and Epic recording artist Tina Arena will be on hand to perform music from her debut disc *Don't Ask* as part of the festivities. Proceeds from the event go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

If you are not already familiar with Tina, she is Epic's latest sensation. The first single from *Don't Ask*, "Chains," went to #28 on Billboard's Hot 100 Singles chart, #3 on R&R's Air Play Chart. Her latest single just released to radio is "Show Me Heaven" is already getting considerable air play at radio including at Z100.



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