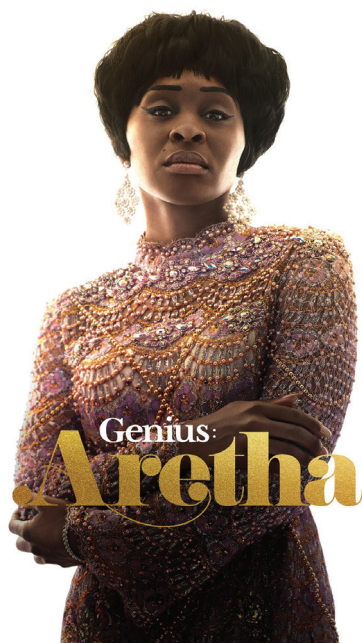
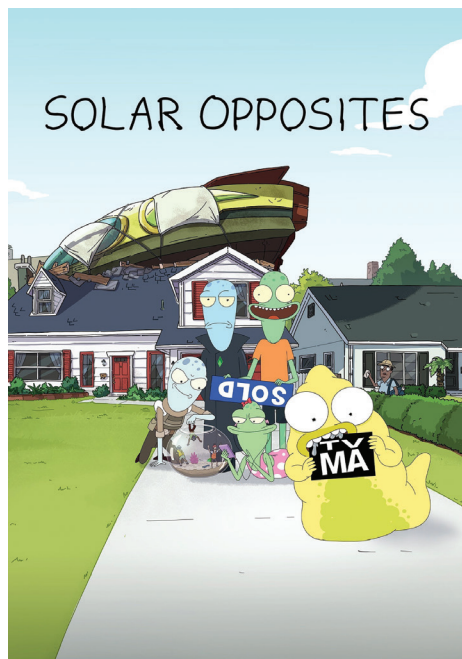


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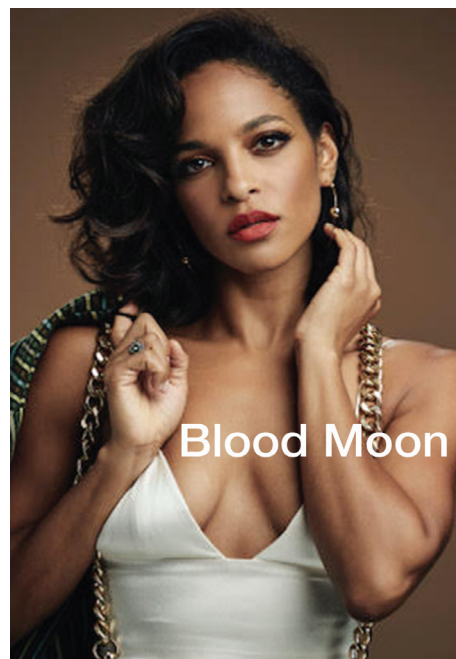
“Genius”

The third season of the National Geographic anthology series focuses on R&B icon Aretha Franklin, exploring her musical genius and incomparable career, as well as the impact and lasting influence she has had on music and culture around the world. British actress Cynthia Erivo (“Harriet”) stars as Franklin, in a cast that also includes Courtney B. Vance, Malcolm Barrett and David Cross. (ORIGINAL)



“Solar Opposites”

The sophomore round of this animated comedy from “Rick & Morty” stewards Justin Roiland and Mike McMahan continues the adventures of a family of aliens who crash-land on Earth and are split on whether life in their suburban surroundings is worth living. Their mission: to protect a supercomputer that will one day evolve into its true form and consume them. (ORIGINAL)



“Movie: Blood Moon”

The season finale of the “Into the Dark” horror anthology series stars Megalyn Echikunwoke (“Almost Family”) as Esme, who moves to a small desert town with her young son for a fresh start only to attract the wrong kind of attention. As the locals investigate, she protects her son and a terrifying secret before the next full moon. Yonas Kibreab also stars. (ORIGINAL)



“Movie: The Hurricane Heist”

From director Rob Cohen (the “Fast and Furious” movie franchise) comes this 2018 actioner about a group of thieves who plot a heist of a U.S. Treasury mint during a Category 5 hurricane. Toby Kebbell (“Servant”), Maggie Grace (“Fear the Walking Dead”) and Ryan Kwanten (“The Oath”) head the cast.



Checking in with **DANIELA RUAH**

celebrity scoop
BY JAY BOBBIN

Daniela Ruah didn't think her “NCIS: Los Angeles” tryout would go anywhere. She clearly miscalculated.

On the CBS Sunday drama since its 2009 debut, she continues portraying resourceful Naval Criminal Investigative Service agent Kensi Blye, now married to fellow NCIS veteran Marty Deeks. He's played by Eric Christian Olsen, and Ruah is wed in real-life to her on-screen husband's brother: David Olsen, Eric's stunt double.

“I started my career in Portugal in soap operas,” reflects the friendly Ruah, who recently made her “NCIS: Los Angeles” directing debut. “Then to come to the U.S. and have this happen, something that's informed my personal life as well as my professional life – I met my husband on the show – it's been fantastic.”

Even so, Ruah admits she wasn't familiar with the original “NCIS” series when she auditioned for its first spinoff.

“I had grown up in Portugal watching ‘Criminal Minds’ and all the ‘CSI’ series,” she says, “and the procedural was by far my favorite genre of show. I loved the character Kensi, but I thought, ‘There's no way they're picking this up. CBS has, like, five procedurals now; they won't put another one on.’”

Twelve years later, that clearly wasn't the case ... though Ruah muses, “I almost didn't go to the audition because I didn't think anything was going to come of it, but my agent said, ‘If you like the character, just go for it.’ And it went horribly, which (executive

producer) Shane Brennan later confirmed – but he said, ‘You have the energy we're looking for.’ So, he gave me another chance and I got a callback, and that went well.”

Birthdate: Dec. 2, 1983

Birthplace: Boston

Current residence: Los Angeles

Marital status: Married to David Olsen, brother of “NCIS: Los Angeles” co-star Eric Christian Olsen; they have two children

Other television work includes: “Guiding Light,” “NCIS,” “Hawaii Five-0,” “Inspector Max,” “Danca Comigo” (the Portuguese “Dancing With the Stars,” which she won the first season of) and several Portuguese serials – “Tu e Eu,” “Dei-te Quase Tudo,” “Filha do Mar” and “Jardins Proibidos”

Movie work includes: “Red Tails,” “Brave” (Portuguese version; voice only)

On “NCIS: Los Angeles” co-star Eric Christian Olsen, alias Deeks to her Kensi: “Sometimes, you encounter people who just make things a little bit richer. Eric is like a brother to me. He will bother the heck out of me some days, but I'll still go to him for advice. We have a very fraternal relationship, which is wonderful.”