



24: Day 7: 24 returns January 2009 on FOX. Cast pictured L-R: Rhys Coiro, Janeane Garofalo, Jeffrey Nordling, Annie Wersching, Carlos Bernard, Kiefer Sutherland, James Morrison, Mary Lynn Rajskub, Colm Feore, Cherry Jones, Bob Gunton. ©2008 Fox Broadcasting Co. Cr: FOX

Kiefer Sutherland and “24” Return for REDEMPTION

2-Hour Prequel set for Sunday, November 23

“Day 7”, Season Premiere set for January 2009

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IT HAS BEEN TWO YEARS since we have seen the likes of Jack Bauer. The hit television drama “24” will make its long-awaited return to television with “24: REDEMPTION” as FOX presents a special two-hour prequel event on Sunday, Nov. 23 (8:00-10:00 PM ET/PT). In the prequel, shot on location in South Africa, Jack Bauer is battling an international crisis while back home, the nation prepares to inaugurate a new president. Taking place before the new day, the prequel will definitely set the stage for Season Seven.

“We’re excited about the prequel because it explores Jack’s complex emotional state of mind and still has all the signature excitement and suspense that fans have come to expect from 2,” explained by executive producer Howard Gordon. “Shooting in South Africa affirms everyone’s commitment to making this season especially memorable for our fans.”

Two days after the prequel, “24: REDEMPTION” is slated to be released on DVD. The DVD will include an extended edition of the movie with an additional ten minutes of unaired footage plus behind-the-scenes featurettes, cast and crew commentary, a recap of the sixth season and a special teaser of the first 16 minutes of the first episode of season 7.

Celebrating the drama’s 150th episode this season, the series will resume with a two-

night, four-hour season premiere with “Day 7” which will be shown on FOX on Sunday, Jan. 11 and Monday, Jan. 12 (8:00-10:00 PM ET/PT).

The series will be shown without interruption in its regular time period on Mondays (9:00-10:00 PM ET/PT).

Day 7 will be set in Washington, DC and CTU has been dismantled and Jack Bauer is standing trial. But things change for Bauer when his former colleague Tony Almeida (Carlos Bernard), who was thought to have been killed, suddenly makes a return.

Meanwhile, the new President Allison Taylor (Cherry Jones) prepares to lead the country along with her White House Chief of Staff Ethan Kanin (Bob Gunton) and First Gentleman Henry Talor (Colm Feore).

Also, a national security crisis prompts an investigation by a team of FBI agents which include Agent Janis Gold (Janeane Garofalo), Agent Renee Walker (Annie Wersching), Agent Larry Moss (Jeffrey Nordling), Agent Sean Hillinger (Rhys Coiro) and security specialist Michael Latham (John Billingsley).

Also, expect to see familiar faces as Chloe O’Brian (Mary Lynn Rajskub) and Bill Buchanan (James Morrison) make their return during the day’s shocking events.

For those who can’t wait to get their “24: REDEMPTION” fix, the Paley Center for Media in Los Angeles will host a one-of-a-kind photo exhibit of fine art museum quality prints unveiling never before seen photographs shot by five members of the show’s creative team during the overseas filming.

“Shooting 24: REDEMPTION” in South Africa was the highlight of my six years on the show,” said 24 executive producer and Emmy Award-winning director Jon Cassar.

“It was nothing short of exhilarating. Africa also became a wonderful canvas for the still photography enthusiasts among our crew. Every day put us in places and situations that were new and exciting to us, and our cameras clicked constantly. This exhibit chronicles the seven weeks that were spent in Cape Town and the surrounding regions from moments captured during a hectic shooting schedule to the faces and places that represent not only the making of 24 but the Africa of today.”

The archival prints will be featured at the Paley Center from Nov. 10, 2008 through Jan. 11, 2009. ■