HBO premieres new series Game Of Thrones

Miami, May 2nd, 2011- HBO Latin America announced the May 8th premiere of the highly anticipated original series, Game of Thrones. The new mega-production, based on the novel by acclaimed author George R.R. Martin, traces the battle among several powerful families as they vie to the death for the Seven Kingdoms of Westeros.

“Game of Thrones is a series that combines an excitingly colorful storyline with a world of reality and fantasy. The production boasts all the ingredients for becoming one of the best series of all times, as well as a new favorite for our Caribbean subscribers,” said Gustavo Grossman, Vice President and General Manager of HBO Latin America Networks.

Game of Thrones unfolds in Westeros, where summers span decades and winters can last a lifetime. To the north, an ice wall over 240 meters high spans across the continent, separating civilization from an ominous forest and the darkness beyond. In such a world, kings and queens, knights and renegades, liars and noblemen are all part of a cat-and-mouse game governed by self interest, lust and greed.

Consisting of ten 60-minute episodes, Game of Thrones begins when Ned Stark (Sean Bean), patriarch of one of Westeros’ noble houses, receives a visit from King Robert (Mark Addy) in which the King asks Ned to assume the position of head counselor and military commander, with the ultimate objective of protecting the Iron Throne; this proposal comes after the predecessor to the post is murdered under suspicious circumstances. Having accepted the proposition, Ned travels with his two daughters to the capital city of the Seven Kingdoms, King’s Landing, in order to investigate the murder and undertake his role as the King’s Hand. A civil war, however, will break out upon the discovery of a dark and dangerous secret being kept by the family of Queen Cersei Lannister (Lena Headey), King Robert’s wife.

Meanwhile, Jon Snow (Kit Harrington), Ned’s bastard son, joins the brotherhood of the Night’s Watch, a group tasked with guarding the ice wall north of Westeros. At the same time, across the Narrow Sea in Pentos, the exiled Viserys Targaryen (Harry Lloyd) hatches a plan to win back the throne by forging an allegiance with the nomadic Dothraki warriors and, in turn, gives the Dothraki leader his lovely sister Daenerys’ (Emilia Clarke) hand in marriage.

This sprawling new HBO drama is made up of a stellar cast that brings to life the complex characters from George R.R. Martin’s novels. Series regulars include Nikolaj Coster-Waldau (Jaime Lannister, Queen Cersei’s twin brother), Peter Dinklage, (Tyrion, the youngest brother of the Lannister family), Michelle Fairley (Catelyn Stark, Ned Stark’s wife).

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George R.R. Martin, among the writers for the series, is also a co-executive producer along with David Benioff and D.B. Weiss; additionally, Benioff and Weiss each wrote two episodes. Production was led by Mark Huffam, design production by Gemma Jackson and art direction by Charlo Dalli, Paul Inglis, Ashleigh Jeffers, Steve Summersgill and Sophie Hervieu.

Filmed in the majestic countries of Scotland, Northern Ireland, Malta and Morocco, Game of Thrones was directed by Brian Kirk, who also directed episodes of HBO's acclaimed Boardwalk Empire; and by Daniel Minahan, director of True Blood, Big Love and Six Feet Under.

