Treme returns to HBO

Miami, April 29th, 2011 - HBO Latin America announced the May 1st premiere of Treme's second season in the Caribbean. The Emmy®-nominated series chronologically follows the political and economic effects that arose after Hurricane Katrina's devastation in 2005. This new season of Treme features the talents of renowned directors and writers such as Tim Robbins and Anthony Bourdain.

Season 1 left off with bittersweet endings and new beginnings: Creighton's body is found, and his wife, Toni, has a difficult time accepting her husband's suicide; Annie refuses to make amends with Sonny and instead moves in with Davis, who has returned to his old job as a DJ in order to fund his recording dreams; lastly, Daymo's funeral is held. Season 2 picks up over a year after Katrina, and follows various New Orleans musicians, DJs, artists, restaurateurs and community leaders amidst their journeys of emotional and material reconstruction.

In this season's premiere, fourteen months have passed since Katrina, but residents of the Crescent City find it harder than ever to rebuild their lives, much less hold on to their cultural identity. Some, like Delmond and Janette, have left to become expatriates in places like New York. Those who remain are coping with high crime levels and dwindling federal support, forced to sell off their homes to outside developers as the rest of the country has turned its attention on new crises away from the Gulf. Still, the proud spirit that defines the city remains strong among Treme's faithful, who continue to press forward, committed to holding on to their ideal of New Orleans.

Treme gains its name from one of New Orleans' oldest neighborhoods, an important center of African-American and Creole culture and the birthplace of jazz itself. The series returns with performances by Melissa Leo as Antoinette "Toni" Burnette; Steve Zahn as Davis McAlary; Kim Dickens as Janette Desautel; Clarke Peters as Albert Lambreaux; Rob Brown as Delmond Lambreaux; Michiel Huisman as Sonny; and classical violinist Lucia Micarelli as Annie, among others. Joining the cast this season is Jon Seda as Nelson Hidalgo, a high-spirited young entrepreneur from Texas.

Consisting of 11 episodes, Treme Season 2 was created by David Simon and Eric Overmyer, under the executive production of David Simon, Nina K. Noble, Eric Overmyer, Carolyn Strauss and James Yoshimura. Directors include Anthony Hemingway, Tim Robbins, Cellan Jones, Alex Zakrzewski, Rob Bailey and Roxann Dawson. Series writers include David Simon, Eric Overmyer, Anthony Bourdain, James Yoshimura and New Orleans natives such as Lolis Elie (author and local newspaper columnist) and Tom Piazza (renowned international novelist).

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