HBO's new original sketch comedy series A BLACK LADY SKETCH SHOW debuts August 2

Unprecedented in sketch comedy TV history, the show is created by, written by, directed by and starring an array of black women.

MIAMI, FL., July 29, 2019 – Set in a limitless magical reality full of dynamic, hilarious characters and celebrity guests, the narrative series, **A BLACK LADY SKETCH SHOW**, debuts Friday, August 2 at 11pm*, only on HBO and HBO GO. The show presents sketches performed by a core cast of black women, including Robin Thede, Ashley Nicole Black, Gabrielle Dennis, and Quinta Brunson.

Thede executive produces, writes and stars and Issa Rae (Emmy® and Golden Globe nominee for HBO's **INSECURE**) executive produces. The sketch comedy show will be the first to be written by, directed by and starring black women.

Not afraid to be controversial, laugh-out-loud funny **A BLACK LADY SKETCH SHOW** touches on such culturally relevant themes as social norms, anxiety, religion, sex, dating and relationships. Each episode consists of five to six sketches, showcasing the comedic talents of Robin, Quinta, Ashley and Gabrielle portraying an array of dynamic and varied characters, as well as hyper versions of themselves in interstitials featuring four friends stuck in a house during an end-of-the-world event.

UPCOMING EPISODES - AUGUST:

Season 1, episode 1: "Angela Bassett Is the Baddest B***h"

Debut date: FRIDAY, AUG. 2

Two women seek an escape from an ominous fog. 1960s soul group Claude and The Boppers perform their hit song "Ice Cream Shop." A world-renowned author and "philosophizer" promotes her latest masterclass. Maya's confession in a support group gets a less-than-supportive response. Trinity, the Invisible Spy, meets a formidable adversary. Drea confronts a mysterious woman stealing her dance moves at a club. Fun and games lead to tension, as Robin, Ashley, Quinta and Gabrielle are stuck in a house after an end-of-the-world event.

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Season 1, episode 2: "Your Boss Knows You Don't Have Eyebrows"

Debut date: FRIDAY, AUG. 9

A perpetually-late-to-work Shayla decides to forgo her morning makeup routine, to her coworker Toni's dismay. Trinity the Invisible Spy hunts down The Recluse, an elusive villain with a surprising identity. An array of average, awkward contestants perform before a panel of judges at the Basic Ball. Security guard Fatimah helps an office worker investigate who stole her missing mug. Robin, Quinta and Gabrielle uncover a shocking truth about Ashley's nighttime ritual.

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Season 1, episode 3: "3rd & Bonaparte Is Always in the Shade"

Debut date: FRIDAY, AUG. 16

Asia is shocked by a very public, very unexpected marriage proposal from her new boyfriend Dewayne. New recruits talk about their goals and expectations at a gang orientation. A church service devolves when congregants take to the mic with self-centered motivations. Dr. Haddassah Olayinka Ali-Youngman turns a toast at her sister's wedding into a teachable moment. Gabrielle, Ashley, Quinta and Robin bond while discussing their ideal men and some of their worst dates.

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Season 1, episode 4: "Where Are My Background Singers?"

Debut date: FRIDAY, AUG. 23

A divorce party spirals out of control following Eboni's bad mushroom trip. The tragic tale of star-crossed lovers, Rome & Julissa. A 1930s groupie, Feather Atwood, sets her sights on Negro League baseball player Satchel Paige. A frustrated airline passenger seeks a like-minded customer service representative. Denise tries to prevent yet another breakup and its typical, unusual side effect. "Taskmaster," "Insecurity" and "Turnt" help Krystal navigate a possible cat-calling situation. Quinta, Gabrielle, Robin and Ashley lay down odd rules while playing cards to pass the time.

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Season 1, episode 5: "Why Are Her Pies Wet, Lord?"

Debut date: FRIDAY, AUG. 30

Four friends on a camping trip unknowingly disprove a stereotype. A pastor tries to take back control of his church potluck. A flight attendant struggles to get compliance from newlyweds Chris and Lachel in the exit row. Elementary school students notice a change in their teacher Ms. Miller. Jackie receives a less-than-warm welcome when she returns to her hometown high school. Robin, Quinta, Ashley and Gabrielle discuss their weird turn-ons and stage an intervention.

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