



**OWN: OPRAH WINFREY NETWORK  
DECEMBER 2017 HIGHLIGHTS**

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**CONTINUING SERIES**

**(P) Denotes: Premieres**

**(F) Denotes: Finales**

**CHECKED INN**

**Saturdays (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT)**

The new OWN docu-series spotlights entrepreneur Monique Greenwood and her family-run bed and breakfast inn which invites busy couples to relax and reconnect. In 1995, Monique Greenwood pursued a newfound love for hospitality by opening her first B&B in Brooklyn, while also working as the Editor-In-Chief at Essence Magazine. Much to everyone's shock, Monique eventually decided to walk away from her high-profile job as she wanted to focus on building the B&B business with her husband, Glenn, with the goal of creating a legacy they could pass on to their daughter, Glynn. Today, Akwaaba Bed & Breakfast Inns is the most successful B&B business on the east coast. Celebrity guests include two-time Grammy® Award-winning singer/songwriter Peabo Bryson, black hair care entrepreneur Lisa Price of Carol's Daughter and Pastor John Gray and his wife Aventer.

***(P) Saturday, December 2 (10 p.m. - 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: The Eleven Year Engagement***

When New York couple Helya and Erik check in to The Mansion at Noble Lane for the weekend, Monique is stunned to find out that the two have been engaged for eleven years. Meanwhile, a married couple checks in at their emotional breaking point, due to the husband's repeated infidelities.

***(P) Saturday, December 9 (10 p.m. - 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Get Your Sexy Back Weekend***

A group of single women looking for love head to the inn for an annual 'Get Your Sexy Back' weekend. Meanwhile a loving husband shows up and confides to Monique that he feels like his wife has abandoned him for her job, so she plays cupid to help rekindle their romance.

***(P) Saturday, December 16 (10 p.m. - 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: An Affair to Forget***

Monique heads to Brooklyn to host an event, leaving inexperienced new assistant, Bianca, to run the inn. A couple who have been dating on and off for 12 years check in to work on their trust issues.

***(P) Saturday, December 23 (10 p.m. - 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: I Do, Take Two***

Lisa Price, the founder of haircare brand Carol's Daughter, decides to renew her wedding vows on her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Akwaaba. Excited to host, Monique and her staff pull out all the stops.

***(F) Saturday, December 30 (10 p.m. - 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Love, Loss, Legacy***

Monique's daughter Glynn celebrates graduating from her Masters degree program but is torn between going into the family business and following her passion to write. Pastor John Gray and his wife Aventer comfort a couple grieving the loss of their child during their stay at the inn.

**WELCOME TO SWEETIE PIE'S**

**Saturdays (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT)**

The 1960's backup singer and former Ikette, Miss Robbie Montgomery, had to hustle to keep her family afloat, so she whipped out her mother's recipes and turned her second love of cooking into a soul food empire. The docu-series follows the fun-loving, musical Montgomery family through its highs and lows as they work to expand their business. This season, as Miss Robbie and Tim struggle to mend their relationship, they each decide to open separate new restaurants. Monique, Charles and Chloe strap on their boots and head to Houston, and Miss Robbie contemplates her legacy as retirement looms on the horizon.

***(P) Saturday, December 2 (9 p.m. - 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: With A Little Help From My Friends***

Things aren't so sugary at the Sweet Times Houston restaurant, causing Tim to enlist Charles, Chloe and Monique to leave LA with mixed attitudes toward the request. In St. Louis, there's tension over who's managing Hamburger Heaven, and Miss Robbie throws herself a birthday party with a special surprise guest she didn't plan.

***(P) Saturday, December 9 (9 p.m. - 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Better Get Steppin'***

Monique has been in need of a change and quickly takes Tim up on his Houston offer after a huge fight with Jenae. Meanwhile, Charles and Chloe head to the Lone Star State as well with their own deadline to return to LA, and Miss Robbie is getting tired of being so busy, and gets serious about retiring.

***(P) Saturday, December 16 (9 p.m. - 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Got My Mojo Workin'***

Miss Robbie continues to juggle business and pleasure as she performs a concert for her hometown fans. Meanwhile, Monique finally commits to the big move helping Tim in Houston and quickly realizes she's in over her head, as Chloe lays down the law with the chaotic staff.

***(P) Saturday, December 23 (9 p.m. - 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Cussin', Cryin' and Carryin' On***

Miss Robbie takes a break from Sweetie Pie's, dipping her toe in the retirement pool as TJ runs her ragged. In Houston, Tim deals with insurrection and Monique struggles to meet his lofty demands. Meanwhile, Chloe begins to find herself smitten from a dose of southern hospitality.

***(P) Saturday, December 30 (9 p.m. - 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Road Blocks***

After Tim and Jennifer discuss their future together, Jennifer and Monique go shopping for engagement rings. The competition to manage Miss Robbie's Hamburger Heaven hits a boiling point, and Mathew Knowles (Beyonce's father) surprises Tim with more than just a visit.

## **HOME MADE SIMPLE WITH LAILA ALI**

### **Saturdays (9 a.m. – 10 a.m. ET/PT)**

Emmy award-winning “Home Made Simple with Laila Ali” creates homes that deserving families love to live in. The show pairs inspiring families, a team of professional designers, carpenters and special guest artists, who work together with the families to create simple solutions to everyday home challenges and design dilemmas. Host Laila Ali works alongside families as they transform their living, work and play spaces, revealing the compelling and inspiring stories of the families behind the makeovers. Laila, who describes herself as a “home cook,” will also teach the families delicious, easy recipes from her upcoming cookbook.

### **(P) Saturday, December 2 (9 a.m. - 10 a.m. ET/PT) Episode: A Moroccan Makeover for a Family of Four**

Host Laila Ali and the team help a dedicated teacher, mother and wife bring new life into her living room with a gorgeous Moroccan makeover. The team surprises the family with a new laundry room. Laila cooks spaghetti for breakfast and chicken basil meatballs.

### **(P) Saturday, December 9 (9 a.m. - 10 a.m. ET/PT) Episode: A Wife, Mom & Cancer Survivor's Soothing Master Suite**

Host Laila Ali meets a mom, wife and young cancer survivor whose cramped and cluttered master bedroom is anything but a healing oasis. The Home Made Simple team reimagines the space with serenity and style. Laila cooks ratatouille and parmesan polenta.

## **ACQUIRED SERIES**

### **227**

### **(P) Weekend Marathons Beginning Saturday, December 2 (1 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. ET/PT) and Sunday, December 3 (1 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. ET/PT)**

#### **\*Check local listings for future airings**

Golden Globe nominated actress Marla Gibbs stars as Mary Jenkins and leads an ensemble cast, including Emmy award-winning actress Jackée Harry, in the popular 1980s comedy “227,” which follows the residents of a Washington, D.C. apartment building. Through the good times and the bad, through rent hikes and garbage strikes, the tenants of 227 are a close-knit, tough, not always harmonious family, and Mary is the “thread” that keeps them all together. The series also stars Helen Martin, Hal Williams, Emmy award-winning actress Regina King, Alaina Reed-Hall and Curtis Baldwin.

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