



**OWN: OPRAH WINFREY NETWORK  
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**NEW SERIES & SEASONS**

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**DAVID MAKES MAN**

**Series Premiere Wednesday, August 14 (10 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. ET/PT)**

“David Makes Man” is a one-hour lyrical drama from Academy Award winner Tarell Alvin McCraney (“Moonlight”), his first TV project. The series centers on David (Akili McDowell) a 14-year-old prodigy from the projects who is haunted by the death of his closest friend and relied on by his hardworking mother (Alana Arenas) to find a way out of poverty. He must choose between the streets that raised him or the higher education that may offer him a way out. Set in South Florida, the series is inspired by events in McCraney’s own life and explores childhood trauma and the power of imagination to survive. Phylicia Rashad also stars as David’s teacher Dr. Woods-Trap. McCraney serves as executive producer of the series alongside Dee Harris-Lawrence (“Shots Fired,” “Unsolved: The Murders of Tupac and The Notorious B.I.G.”) who serves as showrunner. Mike Kelley and Melissa Loy (“Revenge”) under their Page Fright production banner, Michael B. Jordan via his Outlier Society Productions and Oprah Winfrey are also executive producers.

**(P) Wednesday, August 14 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: David’s Sky**

Wanting to do well at school, David (Akili McDowell) ends up in a physical altercation with his best friend Seren (Nathaniel McIntyre). At home, David acts as a lookout for his neighborhood at the request of Raynan (Ade Chike Torbert) and his mom Gloria (Alana Arenas) leans on him. Later, the truth about David’s friend Sky (Isaiah Johnson) is revealed. Phylicia Rashad also stars as David’s teacher Dr. Woods-Trap.

**(P) Wednesday, August 21 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Dai Out**

David (Akili McDowell) and his little brother JG (Cayden Williams) visit JG’s grandfather in Overtown, and they are joined by Raynan (Ade Chike Torbert). Later, Raynan and David visit Raynan’s uncle Tio Teo (Elivs Nolasco), who wants David to participate in a drug operation. Phylicia Rashad also stars as David’s teacher Dr. Woods-Trap.

**(P) Wednesday, August 28 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: MJB**

David (Akili McDowell) walks the school’s county-approved clinical psychiatrist (Ruben Santiago-Hudson) through his day including his class presentation which helps repair his relationship with Seren (Nathaniel McIntyre) and reveals more about his mother Gloria’s (Alana Arenas) journey as a single mother. Phylicia Rashad also stars as David’s teacher Dr. Woods-Trap.

**BLACK LOVE**

**Season Premiere Saturday, August 10 (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT)**

NAACP Image Award nominated “Black Love,” created by newlywed filmmakers Codie and Tommy Oliver, highlights love stories from the Black community and answers the question, “What does it take to make a marriage work?” Now in its third season the docu-series features couples including Terry

and Rebecca Crews, Letoya Luckett and Tommicus Walker, David and Tamela Mann, Kandi Burruss and Todd Tucker, Egypt Sherrod and Mike Jackson as well as everyday couples from all walks of life. “Black Love” pulls back the curtain on the daily realities of marriage, and shares jaw-dropping, magical, and always true love stories.

***(P) Saturday, August 10 (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: How Love Begins***

Whether it’s a workplace romance or a long distance courtship, couples share the moments that marked the beginning of their love stories. Featuring: Rebecca and Terry Crews, Salli Richardson and Dondre Whitfield, Tommicus Walker and LeToya Luckett, Kevin and Melissa Fredericks, Kandi Burruss and Todd Tucker, Chris and Mattie James, and Quincy and Deonray Gossfield.

***(P) Saturday, August 17 (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Long & Windy Roads***

Couples reflect on their journeys to marriage and the hard lessons they needed to learn about abstinence, exclusivity, long-distance relationships, and their pasts before making a life-long commitment. Featuring: Justin and Joy Riley, Egypt Sherrod and Mike Jackson, David and Tamela Mann, Elisha and Michael Beach, and Michael and Mecca Elliot.

***(P) Saturday, August 24 (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Emerging from Darkness***

“Black Love” couples share the true tests of marriage, from experiences with drug abuse, pornography addiction, depression following a miscarriage, and more. Featuring: Ricky and Amy Bell, Rebecca and Terry Crews, Chris and Mattie James, Michael and Mecca Elliot, and Quincy and Deonray Gossfield.

***(F) Saturday, August 31 (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Mountains & Molehills***

Couples reveal stories about managing different personalities, and share the importance of working hard at your marriage, fighting fair, and always being considerate of the other person. Featuring: Salli Richardson and Dondre Whitfield, Kevin and Melissa Fredericks, David and Tamela Mann, Ricky and Amy Bell, Kandi Burruss and Todd Tucker, Michael and Mecca Elliot, and Kathy Drayton and Luther Freeman.

**OWN SPOTLIGHT: BLACK WOMEN OWN THE CONVERSATION**

**Series Premiere Saturday, August 24 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT)**

“OWN Spotlight: Black Women OWN the Conversation” features intimate conversations about important issues with honest opinions and surprising solutions that put people first. Emmy-winning presenter Carlos Watson hosts four one-hour episodes featuring a panel of celebrity guests and 100 Black women with a focus on key issues including love and relationships, motherhood, beauty, and mind, body and soul.

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## CONTINUING SERIES

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### AMBITIONS

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

“Ambitions” explores the sexy, deceitful machinations of love, power and politics in America’s hottest urban mecca, Atlanta, Georgia. The action revolves around the intense rivalry between formidable legal eagles Stephanie Carlisle Lancaster (Robin Givens) and Amara Hughes (Essence Atkins), former best friends from college who find themselves adversaries in both their personal and professional lives. Stephanie is married to driven Atlanta Mayor Evan Lancaster (Brian White). At the story’s inception, Amara and her husband, Titus Hughes (Kendrick Cross), move to Atlanta for a fresh start. Huge themes of gentrification and the American opioid crisis ground the series in the reality of today. Unforgettable strivers like round-the-way diner owner Rondell Lancaster (Brely Evans) and Mexican-American fashion designer Bella Tru (Erica Page) round out the ensemble cast of regulars.

**(P) Tuesday, August 6 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Backstabbers**

Stephanie (Robin Givens) and Irene conspire against Rondell (Brely Evans); Titus (Kendrick Cross) takes matters into his own hands.

**(P) Tuesday, August 13 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Giving Up**

Stephanie (Robin Givens) finds a way to put her enemies at bay; the highly anticipated anniversary celebration at Thelma's Place ends sooner than expected.

**(P) Tuesday, August 20 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Ex-Factor**

The Barnes have a big surprise for the Carlisles, forcing Stephanie (Robin Givens) and Evan (Brian White) to fight fire with fire; Amara (Essence Atkins) receives backlash at work for her prior indiscretions.

**(F) Tuesday, August 27 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: A Change Is Gonna Come**

Stephanie (Robin Givens) plays the ultimate trump card with Amara (Essence Atkins); Bella (Erica Page) takes another chance on love, only to wake up to a nightmare; Rondell (Brely Evans) and Evan (Brian White) are blindsided.

### QUEEN SUGAR

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

In “Queen Sugar” season four, the Bordelons find themselves continuing their fight to save their family farm and preserve their father’s legacy as they navigate their own personal journeys. Charley (Dawn-Lyen Gardner) remains in the thick of the trials and tribulations in both her personal and professional life as she continues to battle the Landry family while also trying to ensure Micah’s (Nicholas Ashe) safety and future. Nova (Rutina Wesley) publishes her memoir and while she goes on a book tour around the country sharing her family secrets and shaking things up at home, she unexpectedly encounters significant relationships from her past along the way. Ralph Angel (Kofi Siriboe) is managing fatherhood and his complicated relationship with ex-girlfriend Darla (Bianca Lawson) after learning he is not the biological father of his son, Blue (Ethan Hutchison), and is encouraged by an old friend to create opportunities for formerly incarcerated men.

**(P) Wednesday, August 7 (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: All The Borders**

Charley (Dawn-Lyen Gardner) learns some devastating news about her mill, Violet (Tina Lifford) calls in a favor from Sam Landry. Plus, Nova (Rutina Wesley) has an intense conversation with a past lover. Meanwhile, Ralph Angel (Kofi Siriboe) and Darla (Bianca Lawson) find comfort in one another while Romero (Walter Perez) and Charley’s relationship hits a roadblock.

***(P) Wednesday, August 14 (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Stare at the Same Fires***

Violet (Tina Lifford) confesses a hard truth to Hollywood (Omar J. Dorsey). Micah (Nicholas Ashe) turns to Ralph Angel (Kofi Siriboe) for advice about his relationship with Keke (Tanyell Waivers). Meanwhile, Nova (Rutina Wesley) helps Charley (Dawn-Lyen Gardner) when she hits a low point. Finally, the community comes together at the Queen Sugar Mill to say enough is enough.

***(P) Wednesday, August 21 (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Oh Mamere***

Micah (Nicholas Ashe) takes Blue (Ethan Hutchison) to the park triggering trauma from his past. Plus, Darla (Bianca Lawson) learns a painful truth about the night Blue was conceived, and Violet (Tina Lifford) stands by her side for comfort.

***(P) Wednesday, August 28 (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: I'm Sorry***

Micah (Nicholas Ashe) and Keke's (Tanyell Waivers) plans for prom are derailed, while Charley (Dawn-Lyen Gardner) tells Jacob Boudreaux a shocking secret. Plus, Darla (Bianca Lawson) pleads for Ralph Angel's (Kofi Siriboe) forgiveness, and Violet (Tina Lifford) tells Hollywood (Omar J. Dorsey) that there's something she needs to do to release her past.

**İYANLA: FIX MY LIFE**

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

In dramatic new episodes, life coach Iyanla Vanzant works with those whose lives are in chaos, encouraging them to do the work necessary for real change. Through emotional heart-to-heart conversations and a large dose of tough-love, Iyanla helps individuals confront unresolved issues that are causing upheaval in their lives. Coaching her guests, Iyanla gives them the tools to fix their own lives – tools that will help them break the negative patterns that are preventing true happiness.

***(F) Saturday, August 3 (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Pride vs. Prejudice (Part 2)***

Christian and Remeesha continue to reach out to his mother, Rita, who can't seem to stop fighting to be right, as part two concludes. Can Iyanla finally get this matriarch to see how her bullying and judgments are creating turmoil in her family?

**TO HAVE & TO HOLD: CHARLOTTE**

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

"To Have & To Hold: Charlotte" follows five couples living in Charlotte and the real challenges they face, from financial stress, to issues with intimacy, to the ups and downs of parenthood. These tight-knit friends like to let loose and have fun, and while the passionate and often opinionated couples may have their differences, they will ultimately do anything for each other. As marriages and friendships are put to the test, will they have the love and strength needed to thrive or will some of these relationships crack under the pressure?

***(F) Saturday, August 3 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Popping Off***

Alane accuses Tyyawdi of giving up too soon on her marriage and invites Juliana over to resolve their differences. Peter answers Josh's proposal. And when Darhyl and Christine see a fertility doctor, their conflict about when to have children reignites.

**SPECIALS**

**DAVID MAKES MAN SEASON 1: ALL ACCESS**

**Premieres Wednesday, August 7 (10:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. ET/PT)**

OWN invites you behind the scenes of its brand-new drama series "David Makes Man." This is your all-access pass to exclusive interviews with executive producer Oprah Winfrey and creator Tarell

Alvin McCraney, an Academy Award-winning writer of “Moonlight.” Meet the cast, including Phylicia Rashad, and find out why Oprah calls this show “poetry on TV.”

### **GREENLEAF SEASON 4: ALL ACCESS**

**Premieres Tuesday, August 27 (11 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. ET/PT)**

The Greenleaf family is back on OWN September 3! Go behind the scenes of the new season to hear exclusive interviews with the cast about what lies ahead as the Greenleaf family fights to take back control of their church.

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