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Sci-Fi Channel's action adventure series "Sliders," stars (left to right) **Charlie O'Connell** (Colin), **Jerry O'Connell** (Quinn), **Kari Wuhrer** (Maggie) and **Cleavant Derricks** (Rembrandt).

Photo: Michael Grecco

"Sliders" premieres its new season on Sci-Fi Channel and stars (left to right) **Kari Wuhrer** (Maggie), **Charlie O'Connell** (Colin), **Jerry O'Connell** (Quinn) and **Cleavant Derricks** (Rembrandt).

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Sliders, the Sci-Fi Channel hit original series, moves from Mondays to Fridays beginning March 19 at 9 p.m. ET.

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"SLIDERS" TRANSPORTS TO SCI-FI CHANNEL

NEW SEASON OF 22 ORIGINAL EPISODES OF POPULAR SCIENCE-FICTION SERIES TO JOIN SCI-FI CHANNEL'S GROWING ORIGINAL PROGRAMMING LINEUP IN JANUARY, 1998

Network Also Acquires Exclusive Rights To Three Previous Seasons

Sci-Fi Channel turns a new page in its history and paves the way for its future with the addition of "Sliders," the state-of-the-art science-fiction/adventure series from Universal Television, to its original programming lineup beginning in January, 1998. Sci-Fi Channel has committed to 22 new, original episodes of the series, and has acquired the exclusive rights to all 48 previously produced hours. The announcement was made today by Rod Perth, President, USA Networks Entertainment.

"The commitment to continue production of original episodes of 'Sliders' represents a very bold and significant statement by Sci-Fi Channel," Perth said. "'Sliders' is a series that offers the highest production values in television, excellent writing and a very talented cast. This series, as well as our development of major long-form projects such as 'Dune' and 'Invasion Earth,' are emblematic of the next plateau in Sci-Fi Channel's evolution. We're delighted to welcome this extraordinary series to the network," he added.

Sci-Fi Channel, which celebrates its fifth anniversary in September, has experienced explosive growth with the addition of more than 12 million subscribers (a gain of 40%) since June, 1996. In tandem with this growth, the network will increase its investments in the development and production of original episodic programming fare.

"Sliders," which debuted on the FOX television network on March 22, 1995, and completed its third season on May 16, follows the adventures of a young team of explorers who "slide" through parallel dimensions of Earth using a timer which opens a sliding vortex. They explore Earth in the current year, taking the alternate route to personal and historic situations. Jerry O'Connell ("Jerry Maguire," "Scream 2") stars as Quinn Mallory; Charlie O'Connell stars as Colin Mallory; Cleavant Derricks ("Something Wilder") stars as Rembrandt Brown and Kari Wuhrer ("Anaconda") stars as Maggie Beckett.

Created by Robert K. Weiss and Tracy Torme, "Sliders" is produced by St. Clare Entertainment in association with Universal Television.

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Sci-Fi Channel, a USA Network, is available to more than 42 million homes and features science fact programming plus a mix of original and classic science-fiction, fantasy, horror and futuristic series, movies and specials. Sci-Fi Channel is also available internationally in Latin America, Brazil, Europe and the South African countries. The Dominion, Sci-Fi Channel's web site, is located at the following address: (http://www.scifi.com).

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SLIDERS

March 19, 1998

CAN THE "SLIDERS" EVER GO HOME AGAIN?

NEW SEASON OF 22 ORIGINAL EPISODES OF POPULAR SCIENCE-FICTION SERIES "SLIDERS" PREMIERES JUNE 8 ON SCI-FI CHANNEL

Jerry O'Connell, Cleavant Derricks and Kari Wuhrer Return, Introducing Charlie O'Connell as Pivotal New Character

What if you found a portal to a parallel universe? What if you could slide into a thousand different worlds. Same year, same person. What if you finally found your way home, but home was now *occupied by the Kromaggs?*

In the new fourth season of the original science fiction/adventure series **"Sliders,"** premiering on June 8 at 9 p.m. ET on **Sci-Fi Channel,** the explorers temporarily make their way back to their original Earth only to find that it has been taken over by a malevolent breed of humanity called the Kromaggs. The Sliders embark on a new mission to locate Quinn Mallory's brother, their parents and ultimately conquer the Kromaggs. In addition, actor Charlie O'Connell (Jerry O'Connell's real-life brother) joins the cast early in the season as Colin Mallory.

Jerry O'Connell ("Scream 2," "Jerry Maguire," "Joe's Apartment"), who produces this season and directs several episodes, stars as Quinn Mallory; **Cleavant Derricks** ("Something Wilder") stars as Rembrandt "Crying Man" Brown; **Kari Wuhrer** ("Kissing A Fool") stars as Maggie Beckett; and newcomer **Charlie O'Connell** stars as Colin Mallory.

"Sliders" follows the adventures of a young team of explorers who travel through a sliding vortex to parallel dimensions of Earth. Each unpredictable slide places them in precarious circumstances packed with near death encounters, technology gone awry, and polarized societies. The new season will feature more distinctly divergent earth worlds as the Sliders fight the oppressive Kromaggs. Their adventures include: encounters with religious fundamentalists who indoctrinate their followers in a deadly ritual; meeting ghostly images of themselves in a haunted hotel; an entire world population that slides to a parallel earth, with the exception of Quinn's double; a mysterious conversion that turns the Sliders into computer images; and a confrontation with the ultimate Kromagg death weapon.

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Sci-Fi Channel's web site, "The Dominion," is working closely with "Sliders" producers and writers to feature weekly tie-ins to the episodes that will include games, puzzles or extensions to recreate and enhance "sliding" for the web user.

Sci-Fi Channel, which purchased the rights to all previous 48 episodes, is currently airing selected encore episodes. "Sliders" debuted on the Fox Television Network on March 22, 1995, and completed its third season May 16.

Created by Robert K. Weiss and Tracy Tormé, "Sliders" is produced by St. Clare Entertainment in association with USA Networks Studio. David Peckinpah is the Executive Producer; Bill Dial is Co-Executive Producer; Marc Scott Zicree, Jerry O'Connell and Ed Ledding are the Producers; and Chris Black is Co-Producer. Tracy Tormé is Executive Consultant.

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SLIDE EFFECTS

Production Notes from the set of "SLIDERS"

- Here's a funny coincidence regarding the name of the newest "Sliders" character, Colin Mallory, Quinn's brother. Kari Wuhrer's co-host on MTV's "Remote Control" was *Colin Quinn,* currently a cast member on "Saturday Night Live."

- Cleavant Derricks' character is nicknamed "Crying Man" for the real tears he sheds during his performance. Derricks, in fact, is a professional singer and a Tony Award winner for his role in the hit Broadway musical "Dreamgirls."

- At times when the script calls for the Sliders to duel with an opponent, viewers may be surprised at their expert execution. Jerry and Charlie O'Connell have extensive training in fencing. During college they were members of New York University's saber fencing team.

- For the episode, "Electric Twister Acid Test," Jerry O'Connell reunites with "Stand by Me" co-star, actor Corey Feldman, and performs the same special handshake they shared in that movie.

- The climactic fire scene from "The Fire Within" episode was filmed at Universal's "Backdraft" attraction at the Universal Studios tour. In addition, "Slidecage" was shot on the expensive set of the TV series "Timecop."

- In "The Fire Within," Jerry O'Connell quips, "We're spraying for cockroaches" -- a not-so veiled reference to "Joe's Apartment," the feature film in which he starred with thousands of roaches.

- The episode title "El Sid" is an anagram for 'slide.'

- "Data World" features an "inside" joke, referring to Jerry O'Connell's successful turn in "Scream 2."

- In "World Killer" the Sliders exit a movie theater where the marquis reads "The Man Who Would Be King" starring Humphrey Bogart and Clark Gable. Director John Huston initially conceived it as a vehicle for the two, although the roles went to Sean Connery and Michael Caine. In an alternate universe, Huston made the film he set out to do.

- The episode "Slither" mirrors Kari Wuhrer's 1997 feature film "Anaconda" about killer snakes possessing super intelligence.

SLIDERS

Cast Credits

Quinn Mallory.....Jerry O'Connell

Rembrandt "Crying Man" Brown.....Cleavant Derricks

Maggie Beckett.....Kari Wuhrer

Colin Mallory.....Charlie O'Connell

SLIDERS
Production Credits

Executive Producer.....David Peckinpah

Co-Executive Producer.....Bill Dial

Producer.....Jerry O'Connell, Ed Ledding, Marc Scott Zicree

Co-Producer.....Chris Black

Associate Producer.....Peter Chomsky

Executive Consultant.....Tracy Tormé

Director of Photography.....Robert Hudecek

Production Designer.....Anthony Brockliss

Art Director.....Lynn Christopher

Costume Designer.....Jacqueline Saint Anne

Casting Director.....Barbara Claman

UPM.....Paul Cajero

First Assistant Director.....Bob Williams Jr., James Dillon

Second Assistant Director.....Richard Coad

Editors.....Stewart Schill, Casey Brown

Sound Mixer.....Charles Kelly

Set Decorator.....Debra Combs

Construction Coordinator.....Mike Wright

Property Master.....David Scott

Transportation Coordinator.....Gary Hellerstein

Stunt Coordinator.....Gary Baxley

Special Effects Supervisor.....Eddie Surkin

Location Manager.....Dave Berthiaume

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JERRY O'CONNELL
"Quinn Mallory"

SLIDERS

Jerry O'Connell stars as Quinn Mallory, a handsome, college-age genius who discovers the means to traveling to parallel dimensions of Earth in the Sci-Fi Channel original series, "Sliders."

O'Connell boasts an impressive credits list in both television and film. Most recently, O'Connell co-starred with Neve Campbell and Courtney Cox in the successful sequel "Scream 2." He also appeared in "Jerry Maguire" with Tom Cruise and Kelly Preston. In the film, O'Connell played Frank Cushman, the star quarterback being pursued by sports agent Jerry Maguire (Cruise). As a young boy, he appeared in several television commercials and at the age of 11, co-starred in director Rob Reiner's hit film, "Stand By Me." He also co-starred in the feature film "Calendar Girl" with Jason Priestley and played the title role in "Joe's Apartment," a film based on the MTV short of the same title. O'Connell's television credits include the critically-acclaimed Hallmark Hall of Fame Presentation "What the Deaf Man Heard" starring Matthew Modine. In addition, he has appeared in "My Secret Identity," "Camp Wilder" and "Olie Hopnoodle's Haven of Bliss" for PBS, as well as the Hallmark Hall of Fame presentation, "The Room Upstairs." He has starred in such television movies as "The Ranger," "The Cook and the Hole in the Sky" and "Blue River."

A native New Yorker, O'Connell is a 1995 graduate of New York University, where he majored in Film and Television. He was also a member of the university's sabre fencing team.

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CLEAVANT DERRICKS
"Rembrandt "Crying Man" Brown"

SLIDERS

Tony Award-winning actor Cleavant Derricks stars as Rembrandt "Crying Man" Brown, a member of the classic R&B group "The Spinning Tops" (known for crying real tears at every performance), who is unwittingly caught in the momentum of the initial slide on his way to sing the national anthem at Candlestick Park in the Sci-Fi Channel original series "Sliders."

Derricks began his career in the theatre, performing first with local tours before moving to Off-Broadway productions. His hard work paid off when he won a Tony Award for his performance in the hit Broadway show "Dreamgirls." His additional Broadway credits include such productions as "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Big Deal," "I Have A Dream" and "Your Arms Are Too Short To Box With God."

On television, Derricks has starred in such series as "Drexell's Class," "Whoops" and "Something Wilder." He has guest-starred on several series, including "Roseanne," "L.A. Law," "A Different World" and "The Equalizer."

Derricks is starring in an upcoming Wes Craven film, "Carnival of Souls." In addition, he co-starred with Robin Williams as Lionel, the Bloomingdale's security guard who befriends a Soviet defector in "Moscow on the Hudson" and was featured in Neil Simon's "The Slugger's Wife" with Rebecca De Mornay

Derricks currently resides in Agoura Hills, California.

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KARI WUHRER
"Maggie Beckett"

SLIDERS

Kari Wuhrer begins her second season portraying Maggie Beckett, a recently widowed, ex-military officer who joins the Sliders when her Earth dimension is destroyed, in the Sci-Fi Channel original series, "Sliders."

Wuhrer's latest screen ventures are roles in very diverse films. Most recently, she co-starred with Jennifer Lopez and Jon Voight in "Anaconda." She has appeared in John Singleton's "Higher Learning," "The Disappearance of Kevin Johnson," "An Occasional Hell" with Tom Berenger, and under Sean Penn's direction as Jack Nicholson's liaison in "The Crossing Guard." She was seen opposite Joe Mantegna in "Thinner," the latest ghoulish tale from author Stephen King to hit the big screen.

Upcoming projects include Doug Ellins' "Kissing a Fool" opposite David Schwimmer. This summer she also filmed "Phoenix" (Lakeshore Entertainment), co-starring Ray Liotta and Anjelica Huston and "The Ivory Tower" with James Wilder and Patrick Van Horn. Additionally, she will be seen in the upcoming "Sex and the Single Man" with Stanley Tucci and Ron Eldard, as well as "Sand" with Emilio Estevez and Denis Leary, and "Touch Me" with Amanda Peete and Michael Vartan. The busy actress also stars in "Undertaker's Wedding" opposite Adrien Brody which was recently accepted at the Montreal Film Festival.

The MTV vixen turned feature film star is embarking on a music career as well. She has been in the studio recording an album.

The Brookfield, Conn., native moved to New York when she was eighteen to follow her passion for acting. Wuhrer was picked by the Ford Talent Agency and proceeded to study and audition in the Big Apple.

Her big break came when her sexy personality caught the attention of MTV and the producers of their innovative gameshow "Remote Control." After two years, Wuhrer left MTV and continued her climb toward bigger projects. She moved to Los Angeles and landed a principal role as "Robin Farr" on FOX Network's "Class of '96." Wuhrer emerged as a big success from the show and even developed such a rampant following that she was labeled the newest Generation-X icon. Her last work on a series was a recurring role on the ever popular "Beverly Hills 90210."

Wuhrer currently resides in Los Angeles with her husband who is a songwriter.

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CHARLIE O'CONNELL
"Colin Mallory"

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Charlie O'Connell stars as Colin Mallory, a somewhat naïve, kind-hearted young man living on a pre-industrial Earth dimension who turns out to be Quinn's brother. Colin joins the explorers in the Sci-Fi Channel original series, "Sliders." Charlie is thrilled to become the newest cast member on the popular show. "I love working with my brother and especially with Kari and Cleavant because they're a winning team and a lot of fun. Each episode shoots like an hour feature film because the plot takes us to completely different realms of Earth – it makes for an exciting job everyday."

A brief visit to Los Angeles during a college break last year turned into a six-month stay once Charlie realized how much he loved the west coast and wanted to work there. Becoming an actor has been his dream since he was 6-years-old. At that time, he joined his older brother, Jerry, and they performed together and separately in many nationally televised commercials.

A recent graduate of New York University's School of Drama, Charlie also attended Strasberg Institute and Atlantic Theatre, which David Mamet started. He appeared on CBS' daytime drama "Guiding Light." His theatre credits include the Richard Foreman play, "Dr. Selavy's Magic Theatre" with David Patrick Kelly and "Oprá Opera." Charlie also modeled on the runways in New York for ZOLI Model Management.

For two years, Charlie was captain of NYU's fencing team, receiving an NCAA Bronze Medal in 1994 and a Gold Medal in 1996.

Charlie was born and raised in New York City and attended schools in Bergen, NJ. He currently lives in Los Angeles.

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DAVID PECKINPAH
Executive Producer

SLIDERS

David Peckinpah is executive producer on Sci-Fi Channel's original adventure series "Sliders."

Peckinpah has been writing and producing television and films for twenty years. He created the TV series "High Performance" for ABC and "Wolf" for CBS. Nominated for an Emmy for "Beauty and the Beast," Peckinpah was also supervising producer on the Fox series "DEA." He is currently developing a new series for Universal television.

Peckinpah has written a number of movies for television, including "The Golden Moment" "Chase," "Hotline," " Obsessed," and "Hijacked: Flight 287." The Disney feature "Man of the House" was developed from his original screenplay.

Peckinpah was executive producer for five seasons on the USA Network hit show "Silk Stalkings." He wrote and directed several episodes of the drama series.

He and his wife Sandra live in Westlake Village with their three children.

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