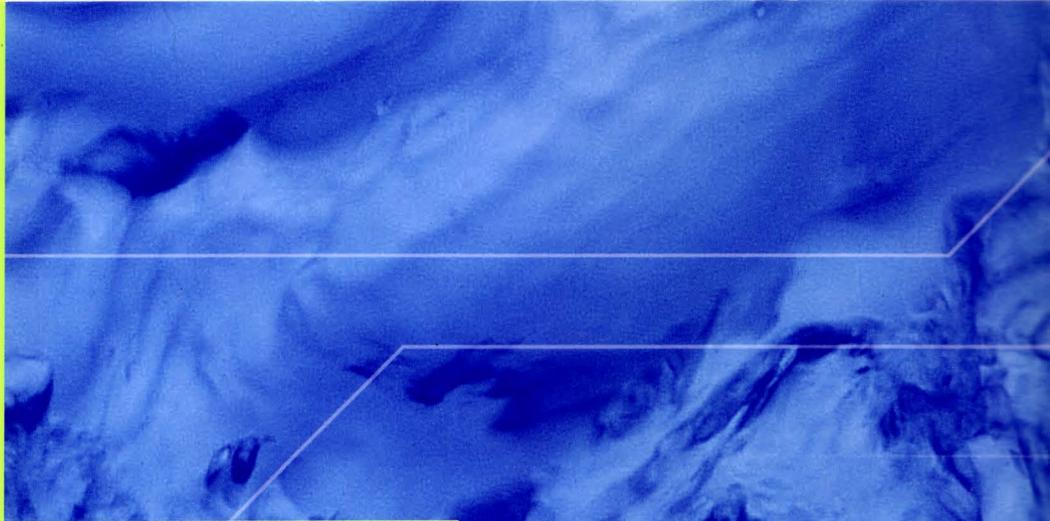


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**THE SCI-FI CHANNEL FURTHERS ITS COMMITMENT TO ORIGINAL  
PROGRAMMING WITH RENEWAL OF HIT SERIES *SLIDERS***

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**The Team of Adventurers Who Travel to Parallel Earth Dimensions Returns in 1999  
for 18 New Episodes**

The successful slide to **The Sci-Fi Channel** has resulted in the renewal of *Sliders* for a fifth season of 18 original episodes beginning in 1999, it was announced today by Stephen Chao, President of Programming and Marketing, USA Networks. *Sliders*, produced by Studios USA Television, will mark its second season of original episodes produced exclusively for The Sci-Fi Channel.

Since its June 8<sup>th</sup> premiere on The Sci-Fi Channel, *Sliders* has been the network's highest-rated series with original episodes averaging a 1.8 HH rating\* in Monday prime time. The series propelled the network to its most successful second quarter ever in prime time. *Sliders* also achieved triple the time period average of second quarter, 1997.

"*Sliders'* outstanding performance on the channel has brought record-breaking ratings. Its renewal reflects the commitment we have to expanding our roster of exciting original programming," says Chao. "We are pleased to be moving forward on the original programming front, particularly with strong series like *Sliders*."

The program is also credited for elevating traffic to Sci-Fi's award-winning Web site, The Dominion ([www.scifi.com](http://www.scifi.com)). The Dominion underwent a 54% surge in front page views for the month, and a stellar 1100% increase in traffic to its weekly original *Sliders* pages. Created exclusively for the channel Web site in conjunction with the show's writers, the *Sliders* area provides viewers with an in-depth exploration of the alternate Earths visited by our heroes.

*Sliders*, which aired on FOX-TV from March, 1995 through May, 1997, stars Jerry O'Connell (*Scream 2*, *Jerry Maguire*), newcomer Charlie O'Connell (Jerry's real-life brother), Cleavant Derricks (*Dreamgirls*) and Kari Wuhrer (*Anaconda*). The series 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. Produced by St. Clare Entertainment in association with Studios USA Television, *Sliders* airs regularly on Mondays, 9:00-10:00 p.m. ET.

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The Sci-Fi Channel, a USA company (NASDAQ:USAI), is available to more than 50 million homes and features a mix of original and classic science-fiction, fantasy, horror and futuristic series, movies and specials, plus science fact programming. The Dominion, Sci-Fi Channel's web site, is located at the following address: (<http://www.scifi.com>).

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**\*source: NMR/Galaxy Explorer, June 8 - July 27. Subject to qualifications which will be supplied upon request**



October 9, 1998

**HIT SERIES "SLIDERS" BEGINS PRODUCTION OF FIFTH SEASON, THE SECOND SEASON PRODUCED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE SCI-FI CHANNEL**

*Production Located at Studios USA in Los Angeles with Returning Stars Cleavant Derricks and Kari Wuhrer Plus New Cast Members*

*Sliders*, The Sci-Fi Channel's highest rated original series, begins production of its fifth season on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> in Los Angeles. The new season the second produced exclusively for the channel, will premiere in 1999, and feature returning cast members **Cleavant Derricks** as R&B singer Rembrandt Brown, and **Kari Wuhrer**, as ex-military pilot Maggie Beckett. They will be joined by **Robert Floyd** (*When He Didn't Come Home*) and **Tembi Locke** (*Claude's Crib*) in newly created roles. **Jerry O'Connell**, who portrayed Quinn Mallory, and his real-life brother **Charlie O'Connell**, who played Colin Mallory, have opted not to return to the series.

"The Sci-Fi Channel is extremely supportive of Jerry and Charlie and we respect their decision to pursue other projects. *Sliders'* most appealing element is its unique premise of traveling to parallel Earth dimensions and we are excited to continue the adventures for another season – with more innovative plot twists in store for the audience," says Stephen Chao, President of Programming and Marketing, USA Networks.

Since its premiere June 8, The Sci-Fi Channel original episodes of *Sliders* airing at 9PM Mondays have averaged a 1.5 HH rating, a 275% rating improvement over the 1Q 1998 time period average (0.4); a 252% increase in average HH delivery (211,000 to 744,000) and a 372% increase in Adults 18-49 (140,000 to 661,000).\* It is The Sci-Fi Channel's highest-rated program in Prime.

*Sliders*, which aired on FOX-TV from March, 1995 through May, 1997, follows the adventures of a team of explorers who "slide" through parallel dimensions of Earth. Produced by St. Clare Entertainment in association with Studios USA Television, *Sliders* regularly airs on Mondays, 9:00-10:00 p.m. ET.

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\* source: Nielsen Galaxy Explorer, 6/8-10/5/98, Mondays 9-10PM, subject to qualifications which will be supplied upon request.

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**SLIDERS**

April 27, 1999

**ONE GOOD SLIDE DESERVES ANOTHER --**  
**HIT SERIES "SLIDERS" RETURNS FOR A FIFTH SEASON**

**Premieres on Friday, June 11 at 9 p.m. ET --**  
**Stars Cleavant Derricks and Kari Wuhrer Return with New Cast Members**

*Sliders*, the hit original SCI FI series, launches a fifth season with our intrepid team of interdimensional travelers facing their greatest challenges yet. Beginning **Friday, June 11 at 9 p.m. ET**, the *Sliders* find themselves forever altered by the diabolical schemes of an evil scientist that forces the team into a bizarre identity crisis. All-new episodes of *Sliders* will air regularly on **Fridays at 9 p.m. ET** as part of SCI FI's original Friday night block, SCI FI Prime. Additionally, *Sliders* fans can enjoy nightly episodes of past seasons of the popular, action/adventure series **Monday-Thursday at 8 p.m. ET**.

Original cast member **Cleavant Derricks** (*Dreamgirls*) returns as R&B singer Rembrandt Brown along with **Kari Wuhrer** (*Kissing A Fool*), as the sexy but tough Maggie Beckett. They will be joined by fresh-faced newcomers, **Robert Floyd** (*Godzilla*) and **Tembi Locke** (*Claude's Crib*), in newly-created roles. Guest stars include two actors from *Babylon 5* -- **Jerry Doyle** as well as **Peter Jurasik**, who appears in a recurring role as an evil disembodied scientist.

*Sliders* follows a team of explorers who travel through a "sliding" vortex to parallel Earth dimensions. Some plot highlights of the new season include: Maggie as Monica (*yes, that one*) – is accused of having a steamy affair with the President; Rembrandt is worshipped as an ancient deity by a group excavating Los Angeles from under a desert; the Civil War is reenacted with Maggie leading the Union charge against the Confederates; and in a special episode, Rembrandt returns to a Kromagg detention facility and learns the fate of their missing original Slider teammate, Wade Wells.

*Sliders* is executive produced by Bill Dial, and produced by Chris Black and Paul Cajero. David Peckinpah is the consulting producer. *Sliders*, which aired on FOX Television from March, 1995 through May, 1997, is produced by St. Clare Entertainment in association with Studios USA Television. *Sliders* regularly airs as part of SCI FI Prime, SCI FI's new Friday night block of original programming featuring *Poltergeist: The Legacy* (7 p.m. ET), *Farscape* (8 p.m. ET), *Sliders* (9 p.m. ET) and *First Wave* (10 p.m. ET).

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**SLIDERS**  
**Cast Credits**

Rembrandt "Crying Man" Brown..... Cleavant Derricks  
Maggie Beckett ..... Kari Wuhrer  
Mallory..... Robert Floyd  
Dr. Diana Davis ..... Tembi Locke

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**Production Credits**

Executive Producer ..... Bill Dial  
Consulting Producer ..... David Peckinpah  
Producer ..... Chris Black, Paul Cajero  
Associate Producer ..... Paul Leonard  
Story Editor..... Keith Damron  
Director of Photography ..... Paul Maibaum  
Production Designer ..... Anthony Brockliss  
Art Director..... Lynn Christopher  
Set Designer ..... Nancy Mickelberry  
Costume Designer..... Barbara Inglehart  
Casting Director..... Barbara Claman  
Unit Production Manager..... Kevin Donnelly  
First Assistant Director ..... James Dillon, David D'Ovidio  
Second Assistant Director..... David McWhirter  
Editors..... Stewart Schill, Casey Brown



**CLEAVANT DERRICKS**  
**“Rembrandt ‘Crying Man’ Brown”**

**SLIDERS**

Tony Award-winning actor Cleavant Derricks stars as Rembrandt “Crying Man” Brown, the only original *Sliders* team member. He portrays a famed singer who was unwittingly caught in the momentum of the initial slide in the SCI FI hit original series *Sliders*.

Derricks began his career in the theatre, performing first Off Broadway before moving to Broadway productions. His hard work paid off when he won a Tony Award for his performance in Michael Bennett’s hit Broadway show *Dreamgirls*. Other Broadway credits include such productions as Tom O’Horgan’s revival of *Hair*, Bob Fosse’s *Big Deal*, and Vinette Carroll’s *Your Arms Are Too Short To Box With God*.

On television, Derricks has starred in such series as *Drexell’s Class*, *Whoops*, *Thea* and *Good Sports*. He has guest-starred on several series, including *Roseanne*, *L.A. Law*, *A Different World*, *The Equalizer*, *Spenser for Hire* and *Moonlighting*.

In film, Derricks starred in the 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*. He was also featured in Neil Simon’s *The Slugger’s Wife* with Rebecca De Mornay.

He is currently recording a CD of original love songs which will be available exclusively on the Internet.

Derricks currently resides in Agoura, California.

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**KARI WUHRER****“Maggie Beckett”****SLIDERS**

Kari Wuhrer begins her third season portraying “Maggie Beckett,” an ex-military officer who joins the Sliders when her Earth dimension is destroyed, in SCI FI’s original series, *Sliders*.

Wuhrer’s latest screen ventures are roles in very diverse films. Most recently, she was seen in Universal’s romantic comedy *Kissing A Fool* opposite David Schwimmer, Lakeshore Entertainment’s *Phoenix* starring Ray Liotta and Anjelica Houston, and *Touch Me* with Michael Vartan and Amanda Peete. Additionally, she will soon be seen in *Sand* with Denis Leary and Norman Reedus, *Undertaker’s Wedding* opposite Adrien Brody, and *Kate’s Addiction*. Kari is currently shooting *Without Gravity* in Miami. Her many other film credits include the box office smash, *Anaconda* with Jennifer Lopez and Jon Voight; John Singleton’s *Higher Learning*; *The Disappearance of Kevin Johnson*; *An Occasional Hell* with Tom Berenger; Sean Penn’s *The Crossing Guard* starring Jack Nicholson; Stephen King’s *Thinner* opposite Joe Mantegna; and *Sex and the Single Man* with Stanley Tucci and Ron Eldard.

Wuhrer will also be appearing as an angel in a new commercial campaign for 7-11.

The MTV vixen-turned-feature film star is also focusing on her true love, her music career. She currently has a new album *Shiny* out on DeFi records.

The Brookfield, CT, 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 principle 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 latest series was a recurring role on *Beverly Hills 90210*.

Wuhrer currently resides in Los Angeles.

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**ROBERT FLOYD**  
"Mallory"  
*SLIDERS*

Robert Floyd stars as "Mallory," a young man whose future is determined when a sliding vortex accident leads him to join the team on *Sliders*, SCI FI's hit original adventure series.

Most recently, Floyd appeared in a featured role in *Godzilla*. In addition, he currently stars in several independent films including *Cold Hearts*, *Another House on Mercy Street*, *Paranoia*, *Second Coming* and *Streets in the Kitchen*. He also starred in Larry Ludlam's *The Last Match* and *Anything Goes*.

His TV credits include guest-starring roles on *Early Edition*, *Law & Order*, *Silk Stalkings* in addition to starring roles in movies of the week including *The Descendant* on UPN and *He Didn't Come Home* on CBS. He was under contract with *Another World* and had recurring roles in the daytime dramas *All My Children* and *The City*.

Floyd has extensive theatre credits having performed in *The Able Bodied Seaman* for Manhattan Class Co., *Anatomy of a Love Affair* for New Perspectives Company, and *Macbeth* for Pelican Theatre.

Floyd studied with Wynn Handman at Carnegie Hall in New York, Alice Spivak, Mervyn Nelson and John Kirby.

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**TEMBI LOCKE****“Diana Davis”****SLIDERS**

Tembi Locke stars as “Diana Davis,” the young scientist whose good intentions lead to a dangerous experiment that alters the characters on *Sliders*, the SCI FI hit original adventure series.

Locke recently portrayed “Kaylene” in the USA Networks original comedy series, *Claude’s Crib*. She has filmed the pivotal role of “Norma” in the feature film starring Shaquille O’Neal entitled *Steel*. Other film credits include *Unbowed*, *Ringer* and Albert Brooks’ *Mother*.

After landing her first television role as a recurring character on the CBS daytime soap opera *As The World Turns*, Locke received exposure on several successful television series including *In the House*, *Martin*, *Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*, *Hangin’ With Mr. Cooper*, *Me And The Boys* and *Night Stand*. Locke will also be remembered for appearing on *Beverly Hills, 90210*, as a beauty contestant who befriends Donna.

While attending Wesleyan University, Locke spent a year and a half in Italy on a foreign exchange program. While there, she appeared in several Italian music television programs including *Carnivale Di Venezia*.

Locke was born and raised in Houston, Texas. In addition to speaking fluent Italian, she is a gourmet cook and enjoys running, hiking and fishing.

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**BILL DIAL**  
**Executive Producer**  
*SLIDERS*

Television veteran Bill Dial is the executive producer of the hit original series *Sliders*, which airs on SCI FI. He has been the co-executive producer of the series since 1997.

Dial was born in Columbia, SC. Raised and educated in Atlanta at Georgia State University and University of Georgia in Athens. Dial majored in Journalism and English.

In Atlanta and Detroit, Dial worked as a disc jockey, radio and television journalist, writer, actor, advertising writer, producer and director, voice-over talent, and as a newspaper reporter and columnist for the *Atlanta Constitution* and the *Detroit Free Press*.

Dial came to Hollywood to work as a writer for *The Tony Randall Show* at MTM, then as a story editor and producer on *WKRP in Cincinnati*. He landed a term contract with Universal for seven years. While there, he worked as a writer, producer, executive producer, and co-creator of half-hour and one hour pilots and series with producers such as Walter Mirisch, Phil DeGuere, Donald Bellisario, Bill Sackheim, John Epstein, Allen Epstein, and Glen Larson. For five years he produced *Simon & Simon*. Dial also co-created pilots and series including *Legmen*, *Codename* and *Foxfire* for NBC; *Lucky Pierre* and *Geezers* for CBS; and *Rowdies* for ABC. He co-wrote a feature film with Richard Chapman entitled *Brass Angels*.

After Universal, Dial moved on to a three year deal with Disney. He was the co-executive producer for *Sidekicks* for ABC; *The Absent-Minded Professor* for NBC; *Tickets, Please* for CBS; and he also co-wrote two features with Richard Chapman entitled *Homework* and *The Policeman*. Dial revived and executive produced *The New WKRP in Cincinnati* for syndication at MTM for two seasons.

Dial has written scripts for *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* and *Star Trek: Voyager*. He co-executive produced *E.A.R.T.H. Force* for Paramount and CBS. Dial also co-created and co-executive produced *Legend*, a one-hour western series for UPN.

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