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TV News Roundup: Summer Premieres Set for 'Running Wild,' Patti Stanger's 'Million Dollar Matchmaker'

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Patti Stanger returns for "Million Dollar Matchmaker" in July, NBC's "Better Late Than Never" gets a premiere date, and Martha Stewart and Snoop Dogg compete for \$100,000 in today's TV news roundup.

DATES

Patti Stanger is moving her love advice from Bravo to WE tv for a new series, "Million Dollar Matchmaker," premiering July 8 at 10 p.m.

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Each episode features two wealthy clients checking into the Harrah's Resort Southern California where they embark on their "love lesson," custom tailored challenges designed by Patti and her team to reveal what they are doing wrong. Patti then meets one-on-one with each millionaire for a "reality check," an in-depth review of his or her surprise date, where she delivers her particular brand of tough love. Finally, Patti will introduce each high-profile client to her two matches. If all goes well, the millionaire and his or her potential match will be on their way to happily ever after.

NBC has set Tuesday, August 23 as the premiere for its new comedy event series "Better Late Than Never" and Monday, July 11 for the season debut of "Running Wild with Bear Grylls." Both shows will air at 10 p.m.

"Better Late Than Never" is a fish-out-of-water show that follows cultural icons Henry Winkler, William Shatner, Terry Bradshaw and George Foreman as they travel across Asia on their own with no schedule and no itinerary. The only help will come from Jeff Dye, a young tech-savvy comedian with an agenda of his own and who isn't above leading the men off track.

The upcoming season of "Running Wild with Bear Grylls" features Courteney Cox, Julianne Hough, Vanessa Hudgens, Nick Jonas and Lindsey Vonn taking on the elements in the great outdoors. Cox will be traveling to Ireland, Hough will be in Africa, Hudgens and Jonas are going to the Sierra Nevada Mountains while Vonn heads to Corsica in the Mediterranean Sea.

CASTING

Carly Pope, known for "Popular" and "The Tomorrow People," will have a guest role on USA Network's "Suits" when it returns July 13. Pope will play Tara Messer, a cultured and perceptive commercial architect, who Louis brings in to help separate him from Stu and the traders.

"The \$100,000 Pyramid" returns to ABC on June 26 at 9 p.m. with an all-star cast of celebrities set to partner with contestants from across the country to compete for the ultimate prize of \$100,000. Celebrity guest line-ups include Martha Stewart vs Snoop Dogg, Sherri Shepherd vs Anthony Anderson, Robin Roberts vs Mario Cantone, Ana Gasteyer vs Rachel Dratch, Rosie O'Donnell vs Kathy Najimy and more.

Brett Eldredge and Thomas Rhett will host the "CMA Music Festival: Country's Night to Rock" on August 3 at 8 p.m. on ABC.

"I've played my heart out on every size stage at CMA Fest, from the crowds of 20 to the big stadium, because I love the energy of the festival and the country music fans so much," said Eldredge. "And now I get to host the whole thing with one of my best pals. You can't beat that!"

"As a fan, CMA Music Fest was always the biggest event of the year for me. Some of my favorite memories are me and my buddies sitting in the nosebleeds watching our heroes play," added Thomas Rhett. "It's surreal and a huge honor to be hosting and performing on this stage."

DEALS

Hulu has acquired the exclusive subscription streaming rights to all episodes of "Race for the White House," a six-part CNN Original Series narrated by Academy Award winner Kevin Spacey. The docu-style series uses archival footage, interviews and stylized dramatizations to tell the story of multiple campaigns for the presidency of the United States. All episodes of the miniseries are available to stream on Hulu beginning June 1.

EXECUTIVES

Val Boreland has been named Executive Vice President, Content Strategy, Entertainment Networks, NBCUniversal Cable Entertainment. In this newly created role, Boreland will oversee content scheduling and acquisitions for USA Network, Syfy, Chiller and Cloo, developing strategies to schedule and deliver content across linear, digital and emerging platforms.

The announcement was made today by Chris McCumber, President, Entertainment Networks, NBCUniversal Cable Entertainment, to whom she will report.

"We are currently in the midst of a dynamic time in our industry, with viewer habits continuing to evolve," said McCumber. "As we look at each distinct property and how to launch it, we need to be strategic and tailored about optimizing our content, and Val is uniquely and extensively qualified to successfully launch our networks' programming across all available platforms."

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