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HAPPILY EVER AFTER: FAIRY TALES FOR EVERY CHILD DEBUTS IN MARCH 1995

Narrated By Robert Guillaume, Series To Feature Voices Of
Harry Belafonte, Tisha Campbell, Margaret Cho, Whoopi Goldberg, Graham Greene, Jasmine Guy,
Gregory Hines, James Earl Jones, Rosie Perez, Sinbad, Jimmy Smits, Robert Townsend,
Denzel Washington, Vanessa Williams And B.D. Wong, Plus Many More

HBO creates a new, ethnically diverse fairy tale kingdom out of the classics when the animated musical family series **HAPPILY EVER AFTER: FAIRY TALES FOR EVERY CHILD** debuts in March 1995. Children of different races will find themselves reflected in the retelling of 13 beloved classics. Two-time Emmy winner Robert Guillaume will narrate the series, which features the voices of many of today's entertainment "royalty." The production is spearheaded by Carole Rosen, the executive producer for HBO.

"In the tradition of our critically acclaimed series 'Shakespeare: The Animated Tales' and 'Lifestories: Families in Crisis,' **HAPPILY EVER AFTER: FAIRY TALES FOR EVERY CHILD** presents quality family fare," notes Sheila Nevins, vice president, documentary and family programming, HBO. "Featuring outstanding performers, writers and animators, this lively series underscores our commitment to entertainment with a purpose."

Robert Guillaume adds, "All children love fairy tales. That's why it was so important for my wife Donna and me to help create characters that reflect the images of our five-year-old daughter and other children around the world. Now, when Rachel sees **HAPPILY EVER AFTER: FAIRY TALES FOR EVERY CHILD**, she'll be able to believe that she, too, could be the princess and live 'happily ever after.' "

HAPPILY EVER AFTER: FAIRY TALES FOR EVERY CHILD presents some of today's top stars in a variety of cultural landscapes. As "The Frog Prince," Sinbad jams to rhythm 'n' blues; Rosie Perez, portraying the evil witch, sings salsa for "Hansel and Gretel." Playing the Hoodoo Diva, Whoopi Goldberg performs a tune in "Rapunzel," and Vanessa Williams sings a beautiful ballad and Gregory Hines takes a comic turn as "Beauty and the Beast." Margaret Cho becomes a noblewoman for "The Princess and the Pea," while B.D. Wong, playing the Wolf, joins "Little Red Riding Hood" in a duet, and Buffy Sainte-Marie lights up the story of "Snow White" with her Native American rock 'n' roll.

Just as it features African-American, Jamaican, Korean, Japanese, Chinese, native American and Latino characters, **HAPPILY EVER AFTER: FAIRY TALES FOR EVERY CHILD** also draws from an ethnically diverse roster of writers, composers, musicians and animators, who give each story a distinct cultural flavor, creating a unique fairy-tale kingdom.

The complete lineup of episodes for **HAPPILY EVER AFTER: FAIRY TALES FOR EVERY CHILD**

includes:

- ¥ "Jack and the Beanstalk," with the voices of Harry Belafonte, Wayne Collins, JackŽe Harry, Tone Loc and Pauletta Washington.
- ¥ "The Emperor's New Clothes," from the story by Hans Christian Andersen, with the voices of George Takei, Brian Tochi, Gedde Watanabe and John Wesley.
- ¥ "The Frog Prince," with the voices of LeVar Burton, Tommy Davidson, Danny Glover, Jay Leno, Branford Marsalis, Sinbad and Cree Summer.
- ¥ "Hansel and Gretel," with the voices of Cheech Marin, Rosie Perez and Liz Torres.
- ¥ "Little Red Riding Hood," with the voices of Brian Tochi and B.D. Wong in the Brothers Grimm story.
- ¥ "Rapunzel," with the voices of Tisha Campbell, Whoopi Goldberg and Meschach Taylor.
- ¥ "Rumpelstiltskin," with the voices of Roscoe Lee Browne, Jasmine Guy, Sherman Hemsley, Robert Townsend and Denzel Washington.
- ¥ "Sleeping Beauty," with the voices of Lucie Arnaz, Carlos Mencia, Julia Migenes, Ricardo Montalban, Paul Rodriguez, Jacob Vargas and Carmen Zapata.
- ¥ "Cinderella," with the voices of, Edward James Olmos, Jimmy Smits, Raquel Welch and Daphne Zuniga.
- ¥ "Beauty and the Beast," with the voices of Debbie Allen, Gregory Hines, Vanessa Williams and Paul Winfield.
- ¥ "The Valiant Little Tailor," with the voices of David Alan Grier, James Earl Jones, Dawnn Lewis and Zakes Mokae.
- ¥ "Snow White," with the voices of Graham Greene and Buffy Sainte-Marie.
- ¥ "The Princess and the Pea," with the voice of Margaret Cho.

Random House Home Video will release the video version of each episode of HAPPILY EVER AFTER: FAIRY TALES FOR EVERY CHILD, beginning in May 1995 with "Little Red Riding Hood," "Hansel and Gretel," "Jack and the Beanstalk" and "Rumpelstiltskin."

HAPPILY EVER AFTER: FAIRY TALES FOR EVERY CHILD is a Two Oceans Entertainment Group -- Confetti Entertainment Company/Hyperion Studio Production. Executive producers, Donna Brown Guillaume, Meryl Marshall, Willard Carroll & Thomas L. Wilhite; produced by Lynne Southerland; directed by Bruce Smith.