

## **BET Networks Acquires Sony Pictures Television's 'The Queen Latifah Show' for Cable Run Starting Monday, March 31**

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- BET Networks has acquired this year's #1 new talk show, Sony Pictures Television's *The Queen Latifah Show*, to air beginning Monday, March 31.

*The Queen Latifah Show* is a daytime, talk-variety series that showcases Queen Latifah's extraordinary range of talents as a global entertainment icon featuring chart-topping musical guests, celebrity interviews and everyday heroes who are changing lives in their local communities.

"WE GOT TALK" as *The Queen Latifah Show* joins long running strip *The Wendy Williams Show* on the network in a first-run late-night talk block. Previously announced talk strip acquisition, *The Real*, is set to debut Fall 2014.

*The Queen Latifah Show* is produced by Flavor Unit, Overbrook Entertainment and Sony Pictures Television. Corin Nelson serves as Executive Producer.

### About BET Networks

BET Networks, a division of Viacom Inc. (NASDAQ:VIA)(NASDAQ:VIAB), is the nation's leading provider of quality entertainment, music, news and public affairs television programming for the African-American audience. The primary BET channel reaches more than 98 million households and can be seen in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, the United Kingdom and sub-Saharan Africa. BET is the dominant African-American consumer brand with a diverse group of businesses extensions: [BET.com](http://BET.com), a leading Internet destination for Black entertainment, music, culture, and news; BET Digital Networks - BET J, BET Gospel and BET Hip Hop, attractive alternatives for cutting-edge entertainment tastes; BET Home Entertainment, a collection of BET-branded offerings for the home environment including DVDs and video-on-demand; BET Mobile, which provides ringtones, games and video content for wireless devices; and BET International, which operates BET in the United Kingdom and oversees the extension of BET network programming for global distribution.

### About Sony Pictures Television

Sony Pictures Television, a Sony Pictures Entertainment company, is one of the television industry's leading content providers. It produces and distributes programming in every genre, around the world and for a multitude of platforms. In addition to one of the industry's largest libraries of award-winning feature films, television shows and formats, Sony Pictures Television (SPT) boasts a current program slate that includes top-rated daytime dramas and game shows, landmark off-network series, original animated series and critically acclaimed primetime dramas, comedies and telefilms. In addition to its US production business, SPT has 17 wholly-owned or joint venture production companies in 12 countries and also maintains offices in 32 countries. SPT's worldwide television networks portfolio includes 130 channel feeds available in 159 countries, reaching more than 840 million households worldwide. SPT also creates original content for and manages SPE's premium video website, Crackle. Additionally, SPT owns US production company Embassy Row and is a part owner of cable channel Game Show Network (GSN), 3D channel 3net, premier horror/thriller website and VOD service FEARnet and national U.S. media sales company ITN Networks, Inc. SPT advertiser sales is one of the premier national advertising sales companies and handles the commercial inventory in SPT's syndicated series as well as for FEARnet, the Rural Media Group, and [DrOz.com](http://DrOz.com).

### About Flavor Unit

Flavor Unit Entertainment is a production company owned and operated by Queen Latifah and her partner Shakim Compere. Flavor Unit Entertainment, which started in New Jersey and is now based in Miami, is quickly establishing itself as one of the most important production companies in the film industry. They began by executive producing Disney's box office # 1 hit *Bringing Down the House*, and then continued with *Beauty Shop* for MGM and *The Perfect Holiday* for Paramount. They have also produced *The Cookout* with Lion's Gate, as well as the film *Just Wright* with Fox Searchlight. On the small screen, they executive produced HBO's critically acclaimed film *Life Support* which garnered a number of awards including an Emmy® nomination and Golden Globe® win for Queen Latifah. Flavor Unit Entertainment made a multi-year deal with BET to create new original programming including the original movie *The Cookout 2*, and its first-ever scripted romantic comedy titled *Let's Stay Together*, which premiered with 4.4 million viewers. In 2011, Flavor Unit Entertainment's original film *Single Ladies* was expanded into VH1's first hour-long scripted series with approximately 3 million viewers throughout its two-season run. Flavor Unit produced Latifah's film *Joyful Noise*. Most recently, Flavor Unit produced Lifetime's Original Movie *Steel Magnolias*, which stars Queen Latifah, Phylicia Rashad, Jill Scott and Alfre Woodard. The movie premiered in October 2012 as the third most-watched telecast ever on the network, averaging 6.5 million total viewers. Flavor Unit most recently struck a multi-year licensing deal with Netflix. Their first release includes the thriller *House of Bodies*, which stars Terrence Howard and Peter Fonda.

### About Overbrook Entertainment

Overbrook Entertainment's partners James Lassiter, Jada Pinkett Smith & Will Smith are committed to offering extraordinary entertainment art to a global audience in film and television, producing a diverse slate of both critically acclaimed and blockbuster feature films, which have generated more than \$2.5 billion dollars in worldwide box office receipts. Some of Overbrook's most successful projects include Ali, Hitch, Pursuit of Happyness, I Am Legend, Hancock, the Tony®-nominated FELA!, and The Karate Kid. Overbrook is also producing Queen Latifah's syndicated daytime talk show with Sony Pictures Television and is currently in production on "Annie" also in associate with Sony Pictures Entertainment.

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