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FREEFORM'S 'GROWN-ISH' RETURNS FOR FIFTH SEASON WITH 'BLACK-ISH' STAR MARCUS SCRIBNER JOINING THE CAST

Zakiyyah Alexander and Courtney Lilly Tapped To Co-Showrun



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As the final season of “black-ish” comes to a close and the current “grown-ish” class graduates Cal U, the beloved “-ish” universe continues with Emmy®-nominated “grown-ish” picked up for a fifth season. “black-ish” star Marcus Scribner heads over to join his TV sister Yara Shahidi on the Freeform spinoff, reprising his role as Andre Johnson Jr. as he embarks on his own journey to being “grown.”

Award-winning playwright and producer Zakiyyah Alexander (“Russian Doll,” “La Brea”) and “black-ish” executive producer and showrunner Courtney Lilly will come on board as co-showrunners.

“grown-ish,” which is currently in its fourth season and airs on Thursdays at 10 p.m. on Freeform and streaming the next day on Hulu, follows Zoey and her classmates on the road to graduation.

The final season of “black-ish” returns with new episodes on Tuesday, March 22, on ABC, and all seasons are available to stream on Hulu.

Season five is executive produced by Kenya Barris, Zakiyyah Alexander, Courtney Lilly, Craig Doyle, Yara Shahidi, Anthony Anderson, Laurence Fishburne, Helen Sugland, E. Brian Dobbins and Michael Petok. The series is produced by ABC Signature.

Scribner is an NAACP Image Award recipient for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series and is represented by CAA, Artists First, imPRint and Del Shaw Moonves. Alexander is represented by WME, Map Point Management and Gang Tyre, and Lilly by UTA, Ben Jacobson at The Framework Collective and attorneys Jeff Frankel and Mike Castrillo at McKuin, Frankel, Whitehead.

Additional casting news to come at a later date.

About Freeform

Freeform's distinct brand of coming-of-age programming helps to position it as the No. 1 primetime cable network in entertainment among Adults, Women and Men 18-34 in the 2021/2022 TV season to date. Connecting to audiences with its bold original programming and immersive social engagement, Freeform channels the force and momentum of its young adult audience in its quest for progress with authentic, groundbreaking original series such as Emmy®-nominated "grown-ish," "Good Trouble," "Motherland: Fort Salem," "Single Drunk Female" and "Cruel Summer," which was the No. 1 new cable drama of 2021 among Women 18-34. Last year, Freeform aired four of the Top 15 scripted cable original series among Women 18-34 — more than any other network, with "grown-ish" ranking as cable's No. 1 live-action comedy series of the year in the demo.

About ABC Signature

One of the Disney Television Studios, ABC Signature is a global leader in the development, production and distribution of entertainment content across broadcast, cable and streaming platforms. The studio produces many of ABC Entertainment's most significant hits, including "Grey's Anatomy," "black-ish," and "Station 19"; co-productions "The Good Doctor," "A Million Little Things," "The Rookie," and "Home Economics," and late-night talk show "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" ABC Signature's returning series include Hulu's "Dollface," and co-production "Woke; "grown-ish" for Freeform; "The Wilds" for Amazon and "Godfather of Harlem" for EPIX. For streaming service Disney +, series include "The Mighty Ducks" and "Big Shot."

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