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MEDIA ALERT

ALL SEASONS OF 'THE OFFICE' COMING TO FREEFORM, SATURDAY, JAN. 1, 2022

Freeform Rings in 2022 With Marathons of the 30 Best Episodes and Cast Favorites Over New Year's Weekend, Saturday Jan. 1, through Sunday, Jan. 2

Addition of 'The Office' Ushers in Freeform's New Weekday Primetime Lineup, Alongside 'Family Guy' and Freeform Originals

Freeform announced today that it has licensed all nine seasons of "The Office" from NBCUniversal Global Distribution and will begin airing the series beginning on Jan 1, 2022. To celebrate this new addition, Freeform will air two marathons over New Year's weekend, starting with a countdown of the 30 Best Episodes, as determined by fans and multiple publications, on Saturday, Jan 1, from 1 p.m.-12 a.m EST/PST. On Sunday, Jan. 2, Freeform will air a second marathon of episodes showcasing cast favorites, based on interviews with the cast of "The Office," from 1 p.m.-11 p.m EST/PST. In celebration of the news, "The Office" star Melora Hardin recorded a video announcement as well; [watch it here](#).

The addition of the beloved show also signals a change in Freeform's weekday program lineup. "The Office" will air Monday-Thursday (6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. EST/PST). The network will continue airing its originals throughout the week, as well as episodes of "Family Guy" on Fridays and movies now airing exclusively on weekends. This updated program schedule reflects Freeform's shift toward more irreverent, adult comedy and content while still providing family favorites on the weekends.

"The Office" is a comedy masterpiece that satirizes everyday office life," said Chuck Saftler, head of Business Operations for ABC, Freeform, FX Networks and Acquisitions in Disney Media & Entertainment Distribution's Networks division. "I can't think of a better way for Freeform to ring in 2022 when so many people are preparing to head back to their workplace offices. It's a perfect primer and further positions Freeform as a go-to destination for bold, irreverent programming."

"The Office" is an American sitcom adapted from the British series of the same name, created by Ricky Gervais. The mockumentary-style workplace comedy follows the lives of employees at Dunder-Mifflin, a paper company in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and the ensemble cast is led by Steve Carell, Rainn Wilson, John Krasinski, Jenna Fischer, B.J. Novak and Ed Helms. The show is produced by Universal Television, a division of Universal Studio Group, in association with Deedle-Dee Productions and Reveille Productions.

The series was nominated for and won multiple awards over its nine seasons, including six consecutive nominations for the Primetime Emmy® Award for Outstanding Comedy Series, winning for its second season. The show was also nominated for three Golden Globe® Awards for Best

Television Series – Musical or Comedy; five Producers Guild of America Awards for Best Episodic Comedy, winning once; four Television Critics Association Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Comedy, winning twice. “The Office” was named as one of the top television programs of 2006 and 2008 by the American Film Institute, and in 2007, the series was recognized with a Peabody Award.

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 Women 18-34 in fiscal year 2021 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 is the No. 1 new cable drama of 2021 to-date among Women 18-34. In 2021, Freeform aired three of the Top 10 scripted cable original series among Women 18-34—more than any other network, with “grown-ish” ranking as cable’s No. 1 live-action cable comedy series of the year with both Adults 18-34 and Women 18-34.

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