

## Queen Sugar Season 4 FACT SHEET

### Overview

Series Premiere:	June 12 at 9 pm ET/PT (13-episode order)
Production Credit:	“Queen Sugar” is co-produced for OWN by Warner Horizon. Executive producers are Oprah Winfrey, Ava DuVernay, Paul Garnes and Anthony Sparks.
Showrunner:	Anthony Sparks (“Queen Sugar”)
Producing Director:	Cheryl Dunye (first time tv director on “Queen Sugar” Season 2)
Production Location:	New Orleans
Trailer:	<a href="http://www.oprah.com/own-queensugar/queen-sugar-season-4-trailer-video">http://www.oprah.com/own-queensugar/queen-sugar-season-4-trailer-video</a> YouTube Embed Code <a href="#">HERE</a>
Images:	Download Key Art Poster <a href="#">HERE</a> Series Logo <a href="#">HERE</a>
Cast:	Rutina Wesley (“True Blood”) – Nova Bordelon Dawn-Lyen Gardner (“Unforgettable,” “Heroes”) – Charley Bordelon West Kofi Siriboe (“Awkward,” “Whiplash”) – Ralph Angel Bordelon Tina Lifford (“Parenthood”) – Violet Bordelon Omar J. Dorsey (“Ray Donovan,” “Selma”) – Hollywood Desonier Nicholas L. Ashe (The Lion King National Tour) – Micah West Bianca Lawson (“Pretty Little Liars”) - Darla Ethan Hutchison – Blue Henry Sanders (“Selma”) – Prosper Denton

### Season Description:

In the series’ fourth season, the contemporary drama returns as the Bordelons find themselves continuing their fight to save their family farm and preserve their father’s legacy as they navigate their own personal journeys. Charley (Dawn-Lyen Gardner) remains in the thick of the trials and tribulations in both her personal and professional life as she continues to battle the Landry family while also trying to ensure Micah’s (Nicholas Ashe) safety and future. Nova (Rutina Wesley) publishes her memoir and while she goes on a book tour around the country sharing her family secrets and shaking things up at home, she unexpectedly encounters significant relationships from her past along the way. Ralph Angel (Kofi Siriboe) is managing fatherhood and his complicated relationship with ex-girlfriend Darla (Bianca Lawson) after learning he is not the biological father of his son, Blue (Ethan Hutchison), and is encouraged by an old friend to create opportunities for formerly incarcerated men.

The expansive cast also includes Tina Lifford as the siblings’ free-spirited Aunt Violet who revealed her Lupus diagnosis to her family along with plans to open her own pie shop; Omar J. Dorsey as Violet’s new husband Hollywood Desonier; and Henry G. Sanders plays Prosper Denton, a farmer and longtime friend of the late Bordelon family patriarch, Ernest. Additionally, recurring guest star Timon Kyle Durrett portrays Charley’s estranged husband and pro basketball player Davis West.

Guests stars include David Alan Grier, Tevin Campbell, Erica Tazel, Kendall Clark and Walter Perez.

### Female Directorial Line-up:

Continuing a creative initiative established in the show’s first season, series creator/executive producer DuVernay has once again assembled an all-female directing team for the fourth consecutive season – hiring 32 female first-time TV directors to date. Season 4 directors include Cheryl Dunye, who will also serve as

producing director, in addition to Carmen Marrón, Numa Perrier, Heidi Saman, Bola Ogun and Tchaiko Omawale, all of whom will be making their television directorial debut, with additional names to be announced.

**Critical Acclaim:**

“Queen Sugar” was recently named Television Show of the Year from the African American Film Critics Association (AAFCA) for the third consecutive year and was nominated for an NAACP Image Award for Best Drama Series. During its most-recent season, Queen Sugar was the #5 original scripted series on ad-supported cable among W25-54, ranked #1 across all cable on Wednesday nights in the timeslot with W25-54 and ranked among the top five scripted series on all ad-supported cable with African-American W18-34.

“Queen Sugar” is produced for OWN by Forward Movement and Harpo Films in association with Warner Horizon Scripted Television. The series is based on the book by Natalie Baszile.

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