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**NEW SERIES & SEASONS**

**(P) Denotes: Premieres**

**LOVE IS \_\_\_\_**

**Series Premiere Tuesday, June 19 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT)**

Michele Weaver (“Illicit”) and Will Catlett (“Black Lightning”) star in OWN’s new romantic drama “Love Is \_\_\_\_,” from award-winning producers Mara Brock Akil (“Girlfriends,” “Being Mary Jane,” “The Game”) and Salim Akil (“Black Lightning”). Set primarily in 1990’s Los Angeles against the backdrop of Black Hollywood, “Love Is \_\_\_\_” follows Nuri (Michele Weaver) and Yasir (Will Catlett), a couple from seemingly opposite worlds, as they chase their dreams and learn to follow their hearts. Told from the perspective of the couple’s present-day selves, the romantic drama also revisits the social issues and vibrant black culture of that time reflecting on how it all aligned to shape the couple they have become nearly 20 years later -- a power couple navigating a complex set of social codes while also balancing successful careers and a beautiful family. Drawing inspiration from the Akil’s real life relationship journey, the series explores the highs, the lows, and the magic of falling (and staying) in love. “Love Is \_\_\_\_” also features Primetime Emmy®-winner Loretta Devine (“Grey’s Anatomy”), NAACP Image Award-nominee Vanessa Bell Calloway (“Coming to America”), NAACP Image Award-winner Tim Reid (“Sister, Sister”), Tosin Morohunfola (“The Chi”), Tammy Townsend (“Sherri”), and Michael King (“Black Lightning”), all with recurring roles.

**(P) Tuesday, June 19 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Nuri and Yasir**

Nuri and Yasir celebrate their 30th anniversary, where they take us back to the time they first met when Nuri’s (Michele Weaver) career was on the rise and Yasir (Will Catlett) was professionally and personally struggling.

**(P) Tuesday, June 26 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: First Date**

Yasir (Will Catlett) and Nuri (Michele Weaver) confess their love, and Yasir makes an important decision. Later, Nuri is determined to meet Yasir at a concert even if it means jeopardizing her status at work.

**CONTINUING SERIES**

**(P) Denotes: Premieres**

**(F) Denotes: Finales**

**THE HAVES AND THE HAVE NOTS**

**Tuesdays (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT)**

Tyler Perry’s “The Haves and the Have Nots,” starring John Schneider and Tika Sumpter, portrays the ongoing drama between the wealthy Cryer and Harrington families and the poor Young family. The most explosive season yet continues with no one unscathed by scandal,

destruction, life-threatening moments and even death. The series also stars Angela Robinson, Renée Lawless, Crystal Fox, Peter Parros, Aaron O'Connell, Tyler Lepley and Gavin Houston.

***(P) Tuesday, June 5 (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: No Honor In This Game***

Katheryn (Renée Lawless) learns that Wyatt's (Aaron O'Connell) anger for her comes from childhood scars that are deep.

***(P) Tuesday, June 19 (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: The Broken Washer***

Veronica (Angela Robinson) and Candace (Tika Sumpter) scheme up a plan to hurt David (Peter Parros).

***(P) Tuesday, June 26 (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Sugar Mamma***

Officer Justin (Nicholas J. Muscarella) shows Jeffery (Gavin Houston) just how serious he is about being with him.

## **WELCOME TO SWEETIE PIE'S**

**Saturdays (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT)**

When Robbie Montgomery's lung collapsed, the 1960's backup singer and former Ikettes had to hustle to keep her family afloat, so she whipped out her mother's recipes and turned her second love of cooking into a soul food empire. In the final season, Miss Robbie inches closer to her lifelong dream, while her son Tim Norman finds himself at a crossroad after Hurricane Harvey forces him to close his latest restaurant venture, and he considers exiting the family business...for good. As we say farewell to OWN's favorite family, Miss Robbie is forced to consider what kind of legacy she will leave behind, and who will be chosen to take over the Montgomery soul food empire.

***(P) Saturday, June 2 (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Come Together***

Miss Robbie invites the family on vacation to New Orleans, but Tim decides to make it a work-cation for his Houston crew. Meanwhile, Tim's detour to Miami for the Trayvon Martin Peace Walk finds Miss Robbie alone in the Big Easy ready to get the party started.

***(F) Saturday, June 9 (9 p.m. – 10 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: Movin On***

In the 100<sup>th</sup> episode series finale, Tim, Charles, and Monique test out the food truck while joining the family in New Orleans. While there, Tim nervously invites his mom to record a song with him with dreams of reconnecting over their other shared passion: music.

## **QUEEN SUGAR**

**Wednesdays (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT)**

In the series' third season, the contemporary drama from Academy Award-nominated director Ava DuVernay returns as the Bordelons find themselves continuing their fight to save their family farm and father's legacy as they navigate their own personal journeys. They soon find that their fight extends beyond their close-knit family, but also to the community. 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. Ralph Angel (Kofi Siriboe) is still reeling from learning from Darla (Bianca Lawson) that he might not be the biological father of his son, Blue (Ethan Hutchison), and attempts to push forward as the new cane season begins. A new and unexpected love in the form of an old friend comes into Nova's (Rutina Wesley) life and

challenges her long-held notions of relationships while also offering her something she didn't think she could ever have.

**(P) Wednesday, June 6 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: *Your Distant Destiny***

Micah (Nicholas Ashe) starts his new school with excitement, an interaction with Blue (Ethan Hutchison) leaves Ralph Angel (Kofi Siriboe) guilt-ridden, and Nova (Rutina Wesley) must come up with new material for her book. Plus, Charley (Dawn-Lyen Gardner) reveals her secret plans to Nova, and Darla (Bianca Lawson) returns.

**(P) Wednesday, June 13 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: *No Haven In My Shadow***

Darla (Bianca Lawson) and Ralph Angel (Kofi Siriboe) come face-to-face, Hollywood (Omar J. Dorsey) offers Violet (Tina Lifford) a business solution, and Charley (Dawn-Lyen Gardner) learns more about the Landry and Boudreaux families. Plus, Davis (Timon Kyle Durrett) reveals a hidden secret to Micah (Nicholas Ashe), and Nova (Rutina Wesley) reveals something personal to Remy (Dondré T. Whitfield).

**(P) Wednesday, June 20 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: *A Little Lower Than Angels***

Ralph Angel (Kofi Siriboe) bonds with his boss's daughter, and Davis (Timon Kyle Durrett) discloses his secret to Charley (Dawn-Lyen Gardner). Meanwhile, Micah (Nicholas Ashe) and his new friends stumble upon something disturbing, and Darla (Bianca Lawson) and Ralph Angel (Kofi Siriboe) clarify their relationship to Blue (Ethan Hutchison).

**(P) Wednesday, June 27 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: *Delicate and Strangely Made***

Violet (Tina Lifford) receives a business proposal and Blue (Ethan Hutchison) finally reveals what happened at school. Plus, Charley (Dawn-Lyen Gardner) discovers something suspicious, and Ralph Angel (Kofi Siriboe) goes on a date.

## **BLACK LOVE**

**Saturdays (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT)**

"Black Love," from filmmakers Codie Elaine Oliver and Tommy Oliver ("The Perfect Guy") and Confluent Films, seeks to answer the burning question, "What does it take to make a marriage work?" "Black Love" dives into how love begins while showing the reality of what life-long love looks like and offers proof that while it can happen for everyone, it isn't a cakewalk. The docu-series shares honest, emotional and sometimes cringe-worthy always-true love stories. This second season features Emmy award-winning actor Sterling K. Brown and wife Ryan Michelle Bathe, Emmy Award-winning actress Niecy Nash and husband Jay Tucker, Tina Knowles-Lawson and husband Richard Lawson, NBA All-Star Grant Hill and Grammy-nominated recording artist Tamia, RUN DMC's Rev Run and wife Justine Simmons, Grammy Award-winning gospel recording artist Kirk Franklin and wife Tammy, comedian D.L. Hughley and wife LaDonna, former NFL running back Eddie George and wife Taj of R&B group SWV, hip-hop artist Styles P and wife Adjua, actors Alano Miller and Dewanda Wise, NFL linebacker Bart Scott and wife Starr, and more. The couples talk about how their relationships began, the road to the altar, life after children and all of the other obstacles they may have faced to make their marriages stronger than ever.

**(F) Saturday, June 2 (10 p.m. – 11 p.m. ET/PT) Episode: *Life After Baby***

Having children adds new, unforeseen dimensions to a marriage. Black Love couples including NBA All-Star Grant Hill and Grammy-nominated recording artist Tamia, former NFL running back Eddie George and wife Taj of R&B group SWV, and Grammy Award-winning gospel

recording artist Kirk Franklin and wife Tammy discuss the many ways in which kids have affected, changed and deepened their marriage bonds.

### **HOME MADE SIMPLE WITH LAILA ALI**

**Saturdays (9 a.m. – 10 a.m. ET/PT)**

Emmy award-winning “Home Made Simple with Laila Ali” creates homes that deserving families love to live in. The show pairs inspiring families, a team of professional designers, carpenters and special guest artists, who work together with the families to create simple solutions to everyday home challenges and design dilemmas. Host Laila Ali works alongside families as they transform their living, work and play spaces, revealing the compelling and inspiring stories of the families behind the makeovers. Laila, who describes herself as a “home cook,” will also teach the families delicious, easy recipes from her upcoming cookbook.

**(P) Saturday, June 9 (9 a.m. – 10 a.m. ET/PT) Episode: Just Engaged! A Starter Home that Needs Patio Privacy**

Host Laila Ali and the “Home Made Simple” team meet a newly engaged couple, Sarah and Brandon, who have a beautiful starter home, but their unfinished patio has a privacy problems. Laila makes pulled barbeque beef and mango jicama slaw.

**(P) Saturday, June 16 (9 a.m. – 10 a.m. ET/PT) Episode: A Father's Legacy Lives on in a Brand-New Kitchen**

Host Laila Ali meets a young couple living in a home with deep rooted family history. Justin and his wife, Catherine, inherited the home from Justin's father, who recently passed and the kitchen needs an update. Laila makes seared tuna and an apple crisp.

**(F) Saturday, June 23 (9 a.m. – 10 a.m. ET/PT) Episode: A Stunning New Suite for a Woodworking Mom**

Host Laila Ali meets a wife and mother whose impressive woodworking skills have come in handy in her family's new home, but she and her husband need help from the Home Made Simple team transforming their outdated bedroom. Laila makes zucchini cake.

## **SPECIALS**

### **LOVE IS \_\_\_: SEASON 1 ALL ACCESS**

**Premieres Wednesday, June 13 (11 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. ET/PT)**

Oprah Winfrey interviews “Love Is \_\_\_” creators Mara Brock Akil (“Being Mary Jane,” “The Game,” “Girlfriends”) and Salim Akil (“Black Lightning”) about their new OWN romantic drama. Series cast and crew give an in-depth look inside the show that is inspired by the Akil’s true Hollywood love story.

### **WELCOME TO SWEETIE PIE’S “CAST REUNION: SPILLING THE SWEET TEA”**

**Premieres Saturday, June 9 (10 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. ET/PT)**

Actress/comedian Kym Whitley hosts a reunion special that look backs at 100 episodes of “Welcome to Sweetie Pie's.” Nothing is off limits as the family spills the tea on the family tensions, Tim’s love life, romance, what the future holds and more!

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