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Farscape Will Air As Miniseries!

By Christiarc (Oklahoma)

Welcome to the first edition of The Peacekeeper Beacon! If you haven't heard...Farscape is back!

Yes, you read this correctly...our beloved show is returning as a miniseries, *Farscape: Peacekeeper Wars*. This miniseries will pick up right where the final episode, "Bad Timing," left off.

The SciFi Channel announced the continuation of the Farscape saga, in the form of a four-hour miniseries, shown over two nights, beginning October 17, 2004. Looks like all the players have returned, from the cast to the production staff and crew, in order to bring us this long-awaited resolution to the cliff-hanger ending.

Some of the best news, in the past two years, came from the July 2004 ComicCon in San Diego, CA. A panel, consisting of David Kemper, Rockne O'Bannon, Brian Henson, Tom Vitale, Claudia Black and Ben Browder, sat down to bring approximately 4,000 *Farscape* fans up-to-speed on the state of *Farscape* today.



July 2004, Farscape Panel, ComicCon, San Diego, California
David Kemper, Rockne O'Bannon, Brian Henson, Claudia Black, Ben Browder and Tom Vitale

They "wowed" everyone present with a video trailer, from the Mini, bringing a roar from everyone in the room. This video will be put up on the SciFi Channel webpage for *Farscape: Peacekeeper Wars*, as soon as it is possible.

Brian Henson's heartfelt "Thank You" to the fans, assembled before the panel, was a great boost in the spirits to every person who has worked so hard to bring this continuation of the story back to the screen.

The only thing which stands be-

tween *Farscape* and "bigger and better" after the Mini are ratings. If the ratings are as big as all involved are hoping, there may be no limit on the future of *Farscape*.

Everyone involved in the production and presentation of this Mini has done and are doing their jobs. They have given us what we've asked (and at times, demanded.) Now, in spite of increased advertising, this fandom can't let up. It still comes down to rallying the troops and getting as many eyes as we can on the Mini.

SciFi's "Farscape Marathon" Lead-In to the Miniseries

Scapers asked for a marathon and we have received more than we'd ever expected.

All 88 episodes will be aired, in order, on SciFi's Daytime Rotation. Eleven full days of programming, completely given to Farscape.

Monday-Friday
9amEST/8amCST
Through
4pmEST/3pmCST
Beginning Friday, October 1st
Through
Friday, October 15th

Be sure to verify the times with your local listings and set your recording devices properly.

This may be your only opportunity to record straight through from the Premiere to the end of the Mini!



TPB Highlights:

- Miniseries: October 17, 2004
- SciFi "Farscape Marathon": October 1-15, 2004

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Pump Up the Volume: Scaper Projects



As part of the Farscape events at DragonCon, Labor Day weekend, SEScapers have chosen two local charities to support. They will be collecting donations of cash for **My House**, an Atlanta charity who provides a home for special needs babies, with no other home to go to. Donations of actual baby items will go to the **Partnership Against Domestic Violence**. A list of the needed items may be obtained by reading:

<http://www.watchfarscape.com/forums/showthread.php?p=526381#post526381>

Or you may obtain information or make a donation to:

Aeryn's Baby Shower
c/o atlanta-midtown.com
P O Box 33564
Decatur, GA 30033-0564

More projects, all of which are designed to promote and bring new viewers to *Farscape*. Find one you like and JOIN IN:

Library Project (on-going project)

For more info, visit:

http://library.watchfarscape.com/LibraryQuery_FE.html

Military Project (on-going project)

For more info on the Military Project, visit:

<http://www.watchfarscape.com/forums/showthread.php?t=10656>

National TV Advertising Project (on-going project)

For more info, visit here:

<http://www.watchfarscape.com/forums/showthread.php?t=12076>

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Click here for project info:

<http://www.watchfarscape.com/forums/showthread.php?t=24748>

FarOps Convention Project (ongoing project)

For project info and donations:

<http://www.watchfarscape.com/forums/showthread.php?threadid=22688>

Operation Firescape (ongoing project)

For project information: email Christiarc@aol.com

Project Ideas For The Cash-Strapped

Not rolling in spare \$\$ but want to help spread the word that *Farscape* is a "Good" thing? Visit here for low-cost ideas:

<http://www.watchfarscape.com/forums/showthread.php?t=24069>

"To Be Continued..." Fund (on-going project)

For project and donation info, visit:

www.forfarscape.com

There are many great Fundraising Projects which allow anyone to support many of the good projects and collect some REALLY COOL *Farscape* stuff, designed by many of our truly talented artists. Any of these items make great little giveaways to help scape others and bring new viewers to the mini.

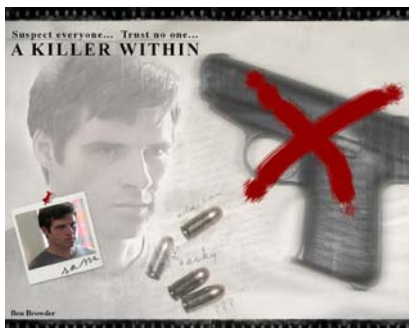
Trading Cards, Temporary Tattoos, Tshirts, Buttons, Stickers...great stuff! Visit:

<http://www.watchfarscape.com/forums/index.php?>

They are all a bargain and for a good cause!

WatchFarscape.com Banner Ads Project & Contest! By: Jul (California)

In a move to help build more buzz, as we gear up to go into September, we're working with GorillaNation (who have given us a discount for our buy) to post banner ads at Cinescape.com, TrekWeb.com, ComingSoon.net and RPGamer.com. Through a generous \$700 appropriation from FWA, we're more than halfway to our goal of \$1,000. In addition to advertising at these websites, we're working to coordinate with other websites to do banner ads, through exchanges.



How can you help? Two ways:

1. We must raise an additional \$300 for the Gorilla Nation banner advertising.
2. We need banners. Who will create the banner ads, advertising *Farscape: Peacekeeper Wars* and the SciFi Marathon of all 88 episodes...you are!

We are having a Banner Ad Contest! Here's the rules:

- No copyright protected images
- All banners made to specifications:
Geometrics 468x60
Max File Size: 15k
Animation: Yes, No time limit
Acceptable File types/Formats Looping
(Yes/No #times): JPEG, GIF or Flash, Yes, 2 times

"A Killer Within"
Starring Ben Browder

Sound: (auto or user initiated (either click or mouseover)) Yes, user

Video: (auto or user initiated (either click or mouseover)) Yes, auto

Judging Categories:

Low Tech Banners (no moving parts)

Mid Tech Banner (animated GIF)

High Tech banners (Flash banner)

Each banner will be rated 1 (lowest) - 5 (highest) in 1. Creative Imagery 2. Effectiveness of Banner 3. Wording

Prizes, each category:

1st Place...\$10 e-gift certificate to amazon.com

2nd Place...\$5 e-gift certificate to amazon.com

3rd Place...DRD keychain

Judges: mycattoldme, uisceboo, BritAngie, Carey and StarsGoBlue

Entries Due: August 18, 2004

Post your entries to:

<http://www.watchfarscape.com/forums/showthread.php?t=27032>

The Bennesia Effect by: DorothyGail (Texas)

What is Bennesia? Check out Benaholics Unanimous, a crazy website located at <http://www.crashdebris.com/BenaholicsUnanimous/Home.html>

Kernil Crash has built this beautiful website for the purpose of disseminating all the knowledge we can accumulate about our gorgeous Ben Browder's "other" project that he worked on last year: **A Killer Within**, for Fireside Entertainment, Inc., located in Dallas, Texas.

A Killer Within, with director Brad Keller, (www.akillerwithin.com) was filmed in Dallas last fall and winter, just before Ben and his lovely wife,

Fran, left for Oz to work on that *other* project that we all have worked to get back for the past year or so!

I'm told by the writers and director they all had a great time making the movie, and they all just loved the family atmosphere they had while working! Brad and writer Chris Pierson said Ben literally brought big burly crewmen to tears with his performance. I hate it when he makes me cry! No, wait, I love it when he makes me cry!

A Dallas Morning News article says, "...Hollywood appears to be taking Fireside Entertainment seriously. Showcase has signed a three-picture distribu-

tion deal with the company for an undisclosed sum, and Fireside has two more pictures planned.

I wish we had a definite date for the premiere of **A Killer Within**. All I know, so far, is that there will be a Dallas premiere in September, and another premiere for Industry types in LA in November.

Letting Dr. Pepper know we want their sponsorship of the September Premiere is absolutely necessary! All the info for doing this is on the website. Get those postcards, letters and emails going! Keep checking back at Benaholics Unanimous for a release date, or a premiere date!!!!

Media Love: All Time High

The new "high" most scapers are riding on these days seems to have begun with the TV Guide June 13-19 article, pictured below. It's no secret TV Guide and Matt Rousch have never been short on Scaper Love.



In the more recent issue, August 1-7, Ben Browder is named as one of the "Top 25 Greatest Sci-Fi Legends"

The TV Guide Online,

July 29th, covers ComicCon and Farscape is mentioned as "the Most Welcomed Return."

In fact, since the June article, TV Guide has carried some mention of Farscape in each issue. If the Mini does well, we will be able to thank TV Guide, for this kind of support.

SciFiWire put out a nice promo piece, Aug 5th, on Claudia Black.

Claudia has also done a wonderful interview piece in Dreamwatch. She is quoted expressing her respect and devotion to Brian Henson:

"But we all felt an obligation to respect the people who made this show and put so much energy into it, and to the people who had been watching it and supporting it for so many years. Brian Henson said that if I couldn't find a way to do it, then they wouldn't be able to do it at all. I know how hard Brian has worked for the last ten years on this-he was shopping the show around for four or five years before he man-

aged to find someone who wanted to make it-so I wasn't prepared to be the one to say no. We all just made it happen."

MSNBC's July 16th Commentary by Christopher Bahn discusses *Farscape* as one of the upcoming sci-fi events on TV, at a time when truly good sci-fi is non-existent or has been cancelled.

Even GamelInformer Magazine carried a picture of the Season 1 Boxed set, along with the price for each season, and:

"The SiFi Channel will air the miniseries this fall-catch up before then...it's really worth it."

If you see a printed or televised media piece about Farscape, send it to this newsletter and we'll try to publish it here. Looks like it will only increase, prior to the Mini!

Upcoming Events

August 19-22: GenCon



Ohio Scapers (www.ohioscapers.com) will be manning a booth again this year.

August 28-29: Creation SciFi Com

Sacramento Scapers will be operating the Farscape booth.

September 3-6: DragonCon

Southeast Scapers (www.southeastscaper.com) are on board

for this one.

September 2-6: Worldcon/Noreascon, Boston, MA



Boston Scapers will be there, caring for the FS fantable.

September 24-26: FenCon, Dallas, TX

We can't tell if there is a scaper group doing a booth or table. Hope one of you from Texas will let this newsletter know.

September 30-October 3: Arcon, Collinsville, IL

This is the St. Louis, MO area. Hope a regional group will be there, too. Let us know if your group will be there and we'll put this in for next month.

Send us notification of any event your group is planning and we'll get it in print.

"Farscape: Different from the waist down!"

*Ben Browder
ComicCon 2004*

Links Online to All Things Farscape

Websites for Farscape Websites and Regional Scaper Groups:

www.scifi.com Be sure to check out their Farscape: Peacekeeper Wars page!

www.watchfarscape.com

www.forfarscape.com

www.farscapeworld.com

http://forums.scaperoute.com/kansas/index.php

http://twincitiesscapers.com/index.html

http://chicagoscapers.com/index.php

http://detroitscapers.com/home.html

http://www.atlantascapers.com/

http://www.geocities.com/bmorescapers2002/

http://www.geocities.com/carolinascapers/

http://www.jfaplanet.com/farscape.htm

http://www.geocities.com/sandiegoscapers/

http://www.webspawner.com/users/savefarscapesfo/

http://tv.groups.yahoo.com/group/AlaskanScapersSanctuary/

http://www.floridafarscape.com/

http://home.earthlink.net/~houstonscapers/

http://tv.groups.yahoo.com/group/WestPAScapers/

Yes, there are many, many more. More will be listed next month..and the next month, etc. Be patient and we will list your regional group, too. It's important we (and everyone else) is aware of exactly how many of us there are in the UTs.

Regional Scaper Group News:



This month's
Scaper Group
News:

TwinCities Scapers
By
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In the measure of real world time, the Twin Cities Scapers would be considered nothing more than a toddling baby taking their first steps toward tomorrow. Electronic life, the internet per se, is much more focused upon the millisecond. Within the land of computers, screen names and the Farscape global village we might be considered one of the mature entities. People recognize us as a collective body that is capable of achieving great things at a local level. Yet, while we enjoy being known for what we can do, we do not want to rest on our laurels. Nor, do we want to become a body that any Scaper feels is beyond reaching.

My name is Michelle (harveywhispers), and one year ago I founded the Twin Cities Scapers. The Twin Cities Scapers are a tri-

state regional Farscape fan group, headquartered in the great state of Minnesota. While our membership was initially meant to include Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa we have picked up a number of members through the entire world. Our focus is to spread the addiction of Farscape, make bonds within the community and do some good things where we live along the way.

My editor tells me that I should talk to you all about the projects that the TC Scapers have completed in the last year. To be honest, every time I try to put it to paper, I feel as though the list appears to be a bit daunting. What we have accomplished hasn't actually been all that hard, which makes me wonder how the heck we had such a span of good fortune. Rather than pondering the inane, I think that it is best to just let our activities speak for themselves.

• **Local Library Project**

Local initiative to successfully place Farscape DVD's in three Twin Cities library systems.

• **FallCon 2003**

First convention appearance of the Twin Cities Scapers.

• **Vallecon 2003**

First convention appearance for the North Dakota branch of the Twin Cities Scapers.

• **Apheresis Project**

Coordination of Farscape Season I, and Season II DVD Boxed Sets to two blood donation sites in the Twin Cities.

• **Iowa Memorial Library Project**

Donation of Farscape Season I, and Season II, DVD Boxed Sets to an Iowa library as a memorial for a Scaper friend.

• **DRD Project**

Yes, we did figure out how to make the shells.

• **MarsCon 2004**

The second convention appearance of the Twin Cities Scapers, and the first opportunity we had to let the world know Farscape is back!

• **Dialysis Project**

Donation of Farscape Best Of Season One DVD sets to dialysis clinics within Minnesota.

In all honesty, I can tell you that none of it seemed like all that much to do. A little elbow grease, some Scaper good fortune and a crew like we have in the Twin Cities and I have no doubt these things are possible everywhere.

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