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'Life Sentence' greenlit at CW

Seacrest in advanced talks to return as American Idol host

LOS ANGELES, May 11, (Agencies): Meet the new host, same as the old host? Variety hears through sources that Ryan Seacrest is in advanced talks to come back as host of "American Idol" when the show is rebooted on ABC next spring.

According to an insider, final tweaks are being hammered out on a new contract for the multihyphenate, who recently joined Kelly Ripa as cohost of ABC's long-running morning show, the newly named "Live with Kelly and Ryan." Stakeholders in "Idol," which include FremantleMedia and CORE Media Group, are hoping to nail down a look that's "authentic and most like the original."

But another source close to Seacrest downplays the progress, noting that "conversations with producers about his potential involvement are in the early stages" and "there is a lot to work through given his other priorities and commitments." Namely: to "Live" and his daily iHeartRadio syndicated program "On Air With Ryan Seacrest," but also hosting and producing duties for E! and ABC's "Dick Clark's Rockin' New Year's Eve with Ryan Seacrest." That said, adds the insider: "Ryan has a lot of affection for 'American Idol' given the show's significance to his career, and it taps into the things he loves — a live show, pop music, and discovering new talent."

Variety reached out to "Idol" creator Simon Fuller, who is not currently involved in the new iteration on ABC, for his take. "There would be no 'American Idol' without Ryan Seacrest," says Fuller, while declining to comment further.

Representatives for ABC and Seacrest declined to comment.

Variety has also learned that ABC has committed to broadcasting about 40 hours of "Idol" for next season — making it likely that the show will air over two nights most weeks, as it did during its 15-season run on Fox. Producers FremantleMedia and Core Media Group had insisted while shopping the show that any broadcast partner commit to an order of at least 25 hours.

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The **Lucy Hale**-led series "Life Sentence" and the DC Comics adaptation "Black Lightning" have been ordered to series at The CW, Variety has learned.

In "Life Sentence," Hale plays a young woman diagnosed with terminal cancer who finds out that she's not dying after all and has to learn to live with the choices she made when she decided to "live like she was dying." The series hails from writers **Erin Cardillo** and **Richard Keith** who will executive produce with **Bill Lawrence** and **Jeff Ingold**. Lawrence's Doozer Productions and Warner Bros. Television are behind the project.

For Hale, the series marks the actress's next move, following the end of her hit series "Pretty Little Liars," which signs off the air this summer on Freeform after seven seasons.

"Black Lightning" follows Jefferson Pierce (Cress Williams), a former vigilante who hung up his suit years ago and now works as a teacher. But with a daughter hell-bent on justice and a star student being recruited by a local gang, he will be pulled back into the fight as the legendary Black Lightning. The series is based on the DC character created by Tony Isabella with Trevor Von Eeden.

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The Tim Allen comedy "Last Man Standing" has been canceled by ABC after six seasons.

The domestic comedy produced by 20th Century Fox TV was a durable player for the network in the Friday 8 pm berth, and it has been a solid performer for 20th TV in syndication. But ratings have waned in the show's sixth season.

Nancy Travis, **Hector Elizondo**, **Jonathan Adams**, **Christoph Sanders**, **Kaitlyn Dever**, **Molly Ephraim**, **Amanda Fuller**, **Jordan Masterson** and **Flynn Morrison** also starred.

"Last Man Standing" was ahead of the curve in the cultural sense as Allen played a conservative-minded patriarch who runs a sporting goods store and opines about the modern world, including political topics such as Obamacare and environmental policy.

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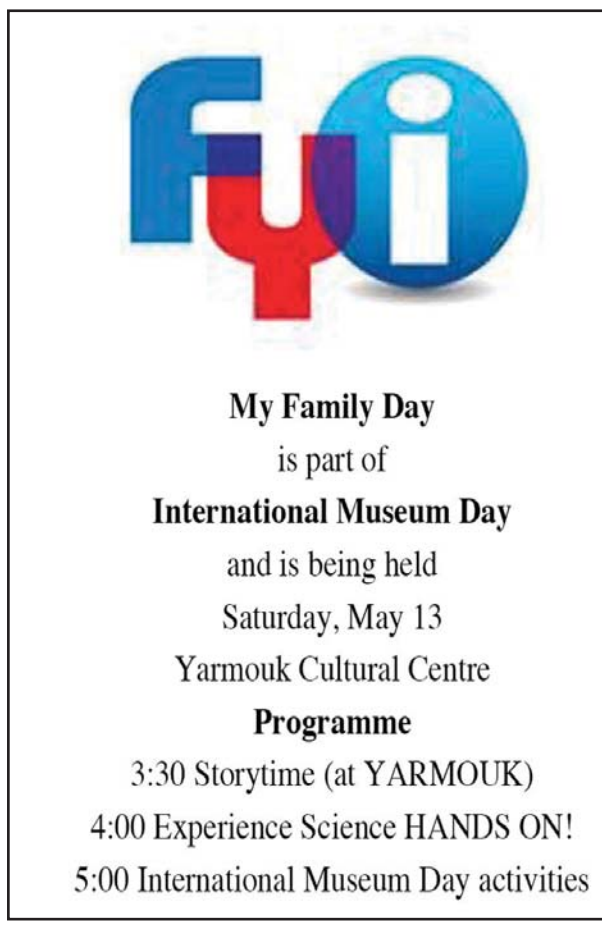
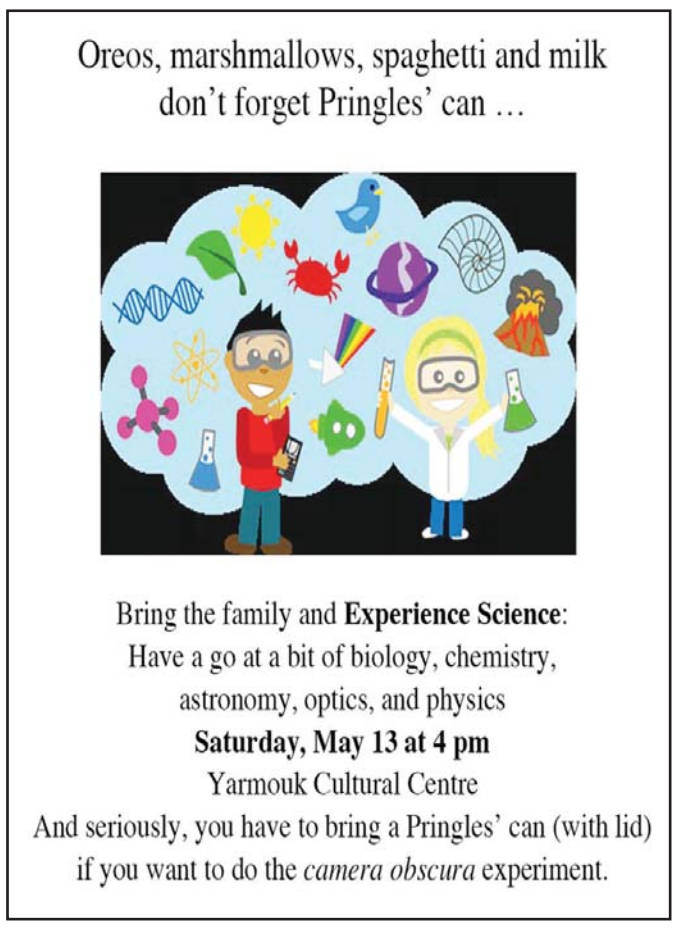
The CW has given series orders to a revival of "Dynasty" and military drama "Valor."

Hailing from "Gossip Girl" creators **Josh Schwartz**, **Stephanie Savage**, and **Sallie Patrick**, the new "Dynasty" stars **Elizabeth Gillies** ("Sex&Drugs&Rock&Roll") as Fallon Carrington, one of the main characters in the modernized reboot of the original '80s primetime soap. Grant Show ("Melrose Place"), **Nathalie Kelley** ("UnReal," "The Vampire Diaries"), **James Mackay** ("The Leftovers"), **Alan Dale** ("The O.C."), **Sam Adegoke** ("Murder in the First"), **Robert Christopher Riley** ("Hit the Floor"), and **Rafael de la Fuente** ("Empire") also star.

"Dynasty" follows two of America's wealthiest families, the Carringtons and the Colbys, as they feud for control over their fortunes and children. The series will be told primarily through the perspectives of two women at odds: Fallon Carrington (Gillies) — daughter of billionaire **Blake Carrington** — and her soon-to-be stepmother, Cristal, a Hispanic woman marrying into a WASP family and America's most powerful class.

Schwartz, Savage, and Patrick will write and serve as executive producers alongside original "Dynasty" creators **Esther** and **Richard Shapiro**. Schwartz and Savage's Fake Empire shingle is producing with CBS Television Studios. Fake Empire's **Lis Rowinski** will serve as a co-executive producer.





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Media giant sees creative successes across screens

Murdoch's Fox confident on Sky takeover

NEW YORK, May 11, (Agencies): Rupert Murdoch's media-entertainment giant 21st Century Fox reported Wednesday a dip in profits in the past quarter while expressing confidence on winning approval for its takeover of pay-TV giant Sky.

Profit in the January-March quarter fell 3.5 percent from a year ago to $799 million, while revenues grew 4.7 percent to $7.56 billion.

Shares in Fox — which owns the Twentieth Century Fox film studios and the Fox television properties — slumped 4.23 percent in after-hours trade on the results, which showed profits higher than forecast but weaker-than-expected revenues.

"We made progress in the quarter against our key strategic priorities, exemplified by our creative successes across screens, from theatrical releases 'Logan' and 'Hidden Figures' to new FX (television) debuts of 'Legion,' 'Feud' and 'Taboo'," said a statement from Rupert Murdoch and his son Lachlan, who share the title of executive chairman.

The statement said the company expected to win approval in London of the agreement to buy the 61-percent stake in Sky which it does not already own.

"Our proposed combination with Sky, which was recently approved unconditionally by the European Commission, will advance another of our strategic priorities, driving innovation for customers," the statement said.

"We remain confident the proposed transaction will be approved by the end of the calendar year following a thorough review process."

The takeover bid raised fears that it could give the Murdoch family too much control over the British media landscape and reduce media plurality.

Sky broadcasts the 24-hour Sky News channel, blockbuster movies and live English Premier League football, and also provides internet and telephone services.

In 2011, Murdoch was forced to abandon his previous takeover bid of Sky — then known as BSkyB — as controversy raged over the hacking of the telephones of celebrities and crime victims by his tabloid the News of the World, which was subsequently shut down.

Some analysts have said the bid could be impacted by a scandal at US-based Fox News, where key executives have been ousted amid accusations of sexual harassment.

Fox said its revenues in the past quarter were helped by the television segment, led by its Super Bowl broadcast, and higher revenues from other television and cable operations, offset by lower box office receipts.

Despite some big-screen successes, revenues were lower than a year ago when it was showing its hit films like "Deadpool" and released "The Martian" for home entertainment.

Also:

LOS ANGELES: With mere days to go before the nation's biggest TV networks pitch their new programs to Madison Avenue, 21st Century Fox has named a new ad-sales chief for its massive Fox Networks Group, capping a prolonged search process that had commenced in the fall of last year and had been the subject of much fascination among advertising executives.

Joe Marchese, who has worked within 21st Century Fox to develop ways of pitching commercials in new distribution venues, such as video on demand, will take on the role of president of advertising revenue for Fox Networks Group. In doing so, Marchese will supervise not only ad sales related to Fox Broadcasting, the company's FX suite of cable networks, National Geographic and Fox Sports 1, but also advertising research and the development of new ad products. Earlier this week, 21st Century Fox named **Marianne Gambelli**, a former NBC ad-sales executive, to supervise ad-sales efforts for Fox News Channel and Fox Business Network.

"This is the start of the hard work," said Marchese in an interview, indicating that he was eager to come up with new ideas for advertisers at a time when technology has made the act of avoiding or ignoring traditional TV commercials much easier.

tv highlights

Cinema

Cinema programme from Thursday 11/05/2017 to Wednesday 17/05/2017

King Arthur: Legend Of The Sword

Sharqia 1	11:30 **(No Fri)** 14:15, 21:15, 23:45
Sharqia 2	12:15 **(No Fri)** 14:45, 17:15, 19:45, 22:15, 00:45
Muhalab 1	11:30, 16:30 **(No Fri)** 14:00, 00:30 22:00 **(Thu, Fri, Mon)**
Muhalab 3	13:15 **(No Fri)** 15:45, 18:30, 21:00, 23:30
Fanar 3	12:30 **(No Fri)** 23:30
Fanar 4	12:00 **(No Fri)** 14:30, 17:00, 19:30, 22:00, 00:30
Marina 2	12:30 **(No Fri)** 15:00, 00:30
Marina 3	11:30 **(No Fri)** 14:00, 16:30, 19:00, 21:30, 00:05
Avenues 2	11:30 **(No Fri)** 14:15, 19:15, 22:00, 00:45
Avenues 4	11:30 **(No Fri)** 16:00, 18:45, 00:15 21:30 **(No Thu)**
Avenues 5	11:45 **(No Fri)** 23:00
Avenues 6	13:30 **(No Fri)** 16:15, 19:00, 21:45, 00:30
Avenues 11	12:45 **(No Fri)** 15:30, 18:50, 21:00, 23:45
360° 1	13:30, 16:15, 19:00, 21:45, 00:30
360° 7	11:45 **(No Fri)** 14:30, 17:15, 20:00, 22:45
360° 9	14:15, 00:30
360° 10	12:15 **(No Fri)** 15:00, 17:45, 20:30, 23:15
360° 12	12:30 **(No Fri)** 15:15, 18:00, 20:45, 23:30
360° 15	13:15 **(No Fri)** 16:00, 21:30, 00:15
Al-Kout 1	11:30 **(No Fri)** 14:15, 18:45, 21:15, 23:45
Al-Kout 4	12:15 **(No Fri)** 14:45, 17:15, 19:45, 22:15, 00:45
Bairaq 1	13:15 **(No Fri)** 15:45, 18:15, 20:45, 23:15
Bairaq 2	11:30 **(No Fri)** 22:00, 00:30
Laila	15:30, 20:00, 22:30
Grand Al-Hamra 5	14:00,16:30,19:00, 21:30 00:00 **(Thu, Fri)**
Grand Al-Hamra 6	14:30, 17:00, 19:30, 22:15 00:45 **(Thu, Fri)**
Grand Al-Hamra GC	15:00, 17:30, 20:00, 22:30, 13:00 **(Thu, Fri)**
Grand Gate 1	14:15,16:45, 19:30, 22:00 00:30 **(Thu, Fri)**
Grand Gate GC	15:00, 17:30, 20:00, 22:30 01:00 **(Thu, Fri)**

A Family Man

Sharqia 1	16:45, 19:00
Muhalab 2	13:00 **(No Fri)** 19:15, 00:05
Fanar 1	12:45 **(No Fri)** 15:00, 17:15, 19:30, 21:45
Marina 1	11:45 **(No Fri)** 20:00, 22:15, 00:30
Avenues 1	00:15 **(No Fri)** 14:30, 16:45, 19:00, 21:15, 23:30
360° 5	13:30, 18:00, 20:15, 22:30, 00:45
Al-Kout 2	12:00 **(No Fri)** 14:15, 16:30, 18:45, 23:30

Youm Min Al Ayam (Arabic Film)

Sharqia 3	12:45 **(No Fri)** 18:15, 20:00, 22:00, 00:05
Fanar 5	12:00 **(No Fri)** 14:00, 18:00, 19:45, 21:30, 23:13, 01:15
Avenues 10	13:15 **(No Fri)** 19:15, 21:15, 23:15, 01:00
360° 2	12:00 **(No Fri)** 14:00, 18:15, 20:15, 22:15, 00:15
Al-Kout 3	18:00, 20:00, 22:00, 12:15
Bairaq 3	11:45 **(No Fri)** 21:30, 23:30

Howard Lovecraft & The Frozen Kingdom

Sharqia	14:45, 16:30
Muhalab 2	13:30 **(Fri)** 15:15, 17:15
Fanar 2	13:15,15:00,17:00,19:00
Marina 1	14:00, 16:00, 18,00
Avenues 8	12:30, 14:30, 16:30, 18:30, 20:30
360° 4	11:30, 13:30, 15:30, 17:30, 19:30
Al-Kout 3	12:30 **(No Fri)** 14:30, 16:15
Bairaq 3	13:30, 15:15, 17:00

The Circle

Grand Al-Hamra 1	14:30, 17:15, 19:45, 22:00 00:30 **(Thu, Fri)**
Grand Gate 5	14:45, 17:00, 19:15, 21:30 23:45 **(Thu, Fri)**

Radha (Telugu Film)

Muhalab 1	16:30 **(Fri)** 19:15 **(Fri Mon)** 22:00 **(Thu, Fri, Mon)**
Avenues 6	13:00 **(Fri)**
Avenues 9	19:15 **(Fri, Mon)**
Plaza	15:30 **(Fri)** 18:30 **(Fri, Sat, Mon)** 21:30 **(Thu, Fri, Mon)**
Ajial 4	15:30 **(Fri)** 18:30, 21:30

Sarkar 3 (Hindi Film)

Muhalab 1	23:15
Fanar 3	15:00, 20:45
Avenues 5	17:15 **(No Thu)**
Avenues 7	15:30, 21:15
360° 9	18:00
360° 14	16:00 **(No Mon)** 21:15, 24:05
Bairaq 2	18:45
Ajial 2	16:30,19:00

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2

Muhalab 1	21:30
Fana 2	20:45, 23:15
Marina 2	19:30, 22:00
Avenues 9	11:30 **(No Fri)** 14:00,16:45, 00.45 19:15 **(No Fri, Mon)** 22:00 **(No Thu, Fri, Mon)**
360° 8	12:00 **(No Fri)** 14:45, 17:30, 19:15, 23:00
360° 9	11:30 **(No Fri)**
360° 13	13:00 **(No Fri)** 15:45, 21:15, 00:05
Al-Kout 2	21:00
Grand Al-Hamra 2	14:15, 17:00, 19:30, 22:15 01:00 **(Thu, Fri)**
Grand Gate 3	14:15, 17:00, 19:45, 22:30 **(Thu, Fri)**

Fast & Furious 8

Fanar 1	00:05
Avenues 3	22:30
Avenues 5	14:30, 20:00
Avenues 7	12:45 **(No Fri)** 18:30, 00:15
360° 3	12:15 **(No Fri)**
360° 6	13:15,16:00, 21:00, 23:45
360° 9	21:45
360° 13	18:30
Grand Al-Hamra 4	14:45, 17:30, 20:00, 22:30
Grand Gate 4	14:30, 17:15, 20:00, 22:45

Baahubali 2: The Conclusion (Hindi Film)

Fanar 3	17:30
360° 3	15:15, 21:45
Plaza	21:30 **(No Thu, Fri, Mon)**
Ajial 1	15:15, 18:30, 21:45 **(Thu)**
Grand Al-Hamra 8	15:00, 18:15, 21:45
Grand Gate 7	14:30,17:45, 21:00 00:15 **(Thu, Fri)**

The Boss Baby

Fanar 5	16:00
Marina 2	17:30
Avenues 2	17:00
Avenues 3	11:30 **(No Fri)** 13:30, 15:45, 18:00, 20:15
Avenues 4	14:00
360° 1	11:30 **(No Fri)**
360° 9	17:00
360° 11	12:30 **(No Fri)** 14:45, 17:00, 19:15, 21:30, 23:45
Al-Kout 1	16:45
Bairaq 1	13:45 **(Fri)**
Bairaq 2	14:00,16:00, 18:00, 20:00
Laila	18:00
Grand Al-Hamra 3	14:00, 16:00, 18:00, 20:00, 22:00
Grand Gate 2	14:00, 16:00, 18:00, 20:15, 25:15

Monolith

Avenues 3	01:15
Avenues 6	11:30 **(No Fri)**
Avenues 8	22:30, 00:30
360° 3	01:00
360° 6	14:00 **(Fri)** 18:45

Smurfs: The Lost Village

Avenues 10	15:15
360° 5	11:30 **(Sat)** 15:45
Grand Gate 6	14:30, 16:30, 18:30, 20:30, 22:45

Spark: A Space Tail 3D

Grand Gate 8	14:00, 16:15, 18:15

Safra 5 Stars

Grand Gate 8	20:15, 22:15 00:15 **(Thu, Fri)**

Soukar Barah (Arabic Film)

Avenues 10	17:15
360° 2	16:00

Georgettan's Pooram (Malayalam Film)

360° 3	18:30
Plaza	15:30 **(No Fri)** 18:30 **(No Fri, Sat, Mon)**
Ajial 3	15:45, 18:45, 21:45

Bisteri Rajel (Arabic Film)

360° 4	21:30

The Lost City Of Z

360° 4	23:45
Grand Al-Hamra 7	14:15, 16:45, 19:15, 22:30

Meri Pyaari Bindu (Hindi Film)

360° 14	13:30 **(Fri, Sat)** 18:45
Ajial 2	21:30
Ajail 4	16:00 **(No Fri)** 18:30 **(Thu)**

Saravanan Irukka (Tamil Film)

Ajial 1	15:45, 18:45, 21:45 **(No Thu)**

How to find us

1. 360°	Zahra'a Area, South Surra, 6th Ring Road, corner of King Faisal Highway
2. Ajial	Ajial Complex, Fahaheel
3. Al Bairaq	Between Jaber Al Ali East & Al Agalia West
4. Al Fanar	Al Fanar Complex, Salem Al Mubarak Street, near Sultan Center, Salmiya
5. Al Kout	Al-Kout Complex, at the end of the Coastal Road, Fahaheel
6. Al Muhalab	Al Muhalab Complex, Behind Hawally Clinic, Hawally
7. Al Sharqiya	Arabian Gulf Street, Souq Sharq, near the Amiri Hospital
8. Laila Gallery	Salem Al Mubarak Street, near Sultan Center, Salmiya
9. Marina	Marina Mall, Between Salem Al Mubarak Street & Arabian Gulf Street, Salmiya
10. Metro	Metro Complex, Farwaniya, near Crowne Plaza Hotel & Farwaniya Garden
11. Plaza	Salem Al Mubarak Street, near Sultan Center, Salmiya
12. The Avenues	The Avenues Mall, Al Reggai near Al Rai, 5th Ring Road & Ghazali Road Intersection

NB: Friday no show before 1:30 pm

Regular show KD3:000; 3D-Digital — KD3.500; VIP show — KD6.000. 'On Monday, price is KD1.500 except Digital movies.

Cinescape cinema movies inquiries and Fax Back hotline 1803456

13. The Scientific Center – IMAX Opp Holiday Inn, Salmiya, Gulf Road

14. Grand Al-Hamra Grand Al-Hamra, tel: 22270333, www.grand cinemas.com

15. Grand Gate Grand Gate, tel: 22056464, www.grandcinemas.com

IMAX

Imax film programme at The Scientific Center

Sunday

Showtime Available for Groups	09:30 am
Flying Monsters 3D	10:30 am 07:30 pm
A Beautiful Planet 3D	11:30 am 06:30 pm, 09:30 pm
Journey to Space 3D	12:30 pm
Humpback Whales 3D	05:30 pm
Kenya: Animal Kingdom 3D	08:30 pm

Monday

Showtime Available for Groups	09:30 am
A Beautiful Planet 3D	10:30 am 05:30 pm, 07:30 pm
Humpback Whales 3D	11:30 am 09:30 pm
Flying Monsters 3D	12:30 pm, 06:30 pm
Journey to Space 3D	08:30 pm

Tuesday

Showtime Available for Groups	09:30 am
Journey to Space 3D	10:30 am 04:30 pm
Flying Monsters 3D	11:30 am 09:30 pm
A Beautiful Planet 3D	12:30 pm, 02:30 pm, 05:30 pm, 08:30 pm
Kenya: Animal Kingdom 3D	01:30 pm
Humpback Whales 3D	03:30 pm, 06:30 pm
Secret Ocean 3D	07:30 pm

Wednesday

Showtime Available for Groups	09:30 am
Flying Monsters 3D	10:30 am 05:30 pm
A Beautiful Planet 3D	11:30 am 06:30 pm, 09:30 pm
Humpback Whales 3D	12:30 pm
Kenya: Animal Kingdom 3D	07:30 pm
Journey to Space 3D	08:30 pm

Thursday

Showtime Available for Groups	09:30 am
A Beautiful Planet 3D	10:30 am 07:30 pm
Flying Monsters 3D	11:30 am 06:30 pm, 09:30 pm
Kenya: Animal Kingdom 3D	12:30 pm
Journey to Space 3D	05:30 pm
Humpback Whales 3D	08:30 pm

Friday

A Beautiful Planet 3D	02:30 pm, 06:30 pm, 09:30 pm
Journey to Space 3D	03:30 pm
Humpback Whales 3D	04:30 pm
Secret Ocean 3D	05:30 pm
Kenya: Animal Kingdom 3D	07:30 pm
Flying Monsters 3D	08:30 pm

Saturday

Showtime Available for Groups	09:30 am
Flying Monsters 3D	10:30 am 05:30 pm, 07:30 pm
A Beautiful Planet 3D	11:30 am 03:30 pm, 08:30 pm
Journey to Space 3D	12:30 pm, 06:30 pm, 09:30 pm
Humpback Whales 3D	01:30 pm
Kenya: Animal Kingdom 3D	02:30 pm
Secret Ocean 3D	04:30 pm

Notes: All films are in Arabic. For English, headsets are available upon request. Film schedule is subject to changes without notice.

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