

What's On

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Showtime sets Cohen's TV return

Emmy nominations set to be a race between old favorites

LOS ANGELES, July 10, (Agencies): Television industry watchers are expecting past winners to relive old glories Thursday as Hollywood's awards season kicks into high gear with the announcement of the Emmy nominations.

The Television Academy's 22,000-plus members were given two weeks in June to sift through a crowded field of several thousand entries for the small-screen equivalent of the Oscars.

Critics agree that it hasn't been a vintage year for new TV, with very few shows breaking through. Still, perennial favorites have largely delivered and the medium continues to out-innovate cinema.

"As someone who has traditionally been more about movies than TV, the richness of the small screen landscape these days genuinely excites me," Hollywood entertainment journalist and producer Simon Thompson told AFP.

"It's taking risks that Hollywood is still hesitant to take, and so far they are paying off."

Pundits say that while perennial awards darlings like "Saturday Night Live" have been tapped to bag the most trophies come September, the race for the most nominations remains up in the air.

The Emmys recognize shows that were on in the 12 months to May 31, meaning several big-hitters are absent, from "Better Call Saul" to "House of Cards" and "Veep," shows that have earned almost 100 nominations combined.

Netflix's "House of Cards" has been keeping a low profile since its star, double Oscar winner Kevin Spacey, became embroiled in Hollywood's sexual misconduct scandal, and returns next year minus its star.

HBO's "Game of Thrones" made television history in 2016, becoming the most decorated fictional show since the awards began nearly seven decades ago, and returns after a year off.

That means the defending drama champion from 2016 will be pitted against last year's winner, Hulu's dystopian sci-fi series "The Handmaid's Tale," which is also the 2018 favorite.

Dark

Other nominations are likely to come from NBC's family drama "This Is Us" and HBO's dark sci-fi western "Westworld," Netflix hits "Stranger Things" and "The Crown," and FX Cold War spy show "The Americans."

The most star-studded category, as ever, is best actor in a limited series or TV movie.

The contenders include Al Pacino ("Paterno"), Kyle MacLachlan ("Twin Peaks"), Benedict Cumberbatch ("Patrick Melrose") and Michael B. Jordan ("Fahrenheit 451").

The early money for the win in September is on a much lesser-known face, Darren Criss ("The Assassination of Gianni Versace").

"Versace" is one of the few serious contenders this year that can claim to be entirely new, although it is part of FX's "American Crime Story" brand from the mind of Emmys mainstay Ryan Murphy.

The follow-up to the acclaimed "The People v. O. J. Simpson" (2016) is expected to dominate the acting races among the limited series and TV movies — with Penelope Cruz, Judith Light and Edgar Ramirez also hoping for nominations.

The absence of "Veep" is seen as breath of fresh air by many critics, since the HBO comedy and its star Julia Louis-Dreyfus, out much of 2017 and 2018 with breast cancer, bag Emmys year in, year out.

Its mantle will likely pass to "Atlanta," the FX comedy created by and starring Donald Glover.

Returning after a two-decade hiatus, "Roseanne" was one of the few depictions of working-class life on US television in the last 12 months, and also of Trump supporters otherwise largely ignored by Hollywood.

But its 65-year-old star Roseanne Barr — a vocal Trump backer who has tweeted far-right and conspiracy theorist views — was dropped by ABC last month after making a racist slur on Twitter.

"The fact that so many people in the show, on and off screen, will likely miss out on the acclaim they deserve because of Roseanne Barr's action is a real shame," said Thompson.

The New York Post's Robert Rorke believes that one show that has gone somewhat under the radar, BBC America's crime drama series "Killing Eve," deserves to pick up the "dark horse" votes.

"Stars Sandra Oh and Jodie Comer deserve lead actress nominations for their refreshing, offbeat performances, especially given the usual suspects likely to be nominated," he said.

Also:

LOS ANGELES: Showtime has revealed its new project with **Sacha Baron Cohen**. The pay cabler announced Monday that the comic's new television series "Who Is America?" will premiere at midnight Eastern time July 15. Written and directed by Cohen, the seven-episode series will explore individuals known and unknown across the American political spectrum.

"Sacha is a comedic genius who shocks you with his audacity, bravery and inventiveness," Showtime president and CEO **David Nevins** said. "He is the premier provocateur of our time, but not for the sake of 'gotcha' moments. Behind the elaborate setup is a genuine quest for the truth about people, places and politics. Nobody knows how to cause a stir like Sacha Baron Cohen, and it's going to be fascinating to watch what happens when 'Who Is America?' is released on the world."

"Who Is America?" marks Baron Cohen's first series television project since "Da Ali G Show," which aired on Channel 4 in the UK and HBO in the US. That series and the two movies that spun off from it — "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan" and "Bruno" — elevated Baron Cohen to comedy stardom in the US.

LOS ANGELES: Pink is the new orange.

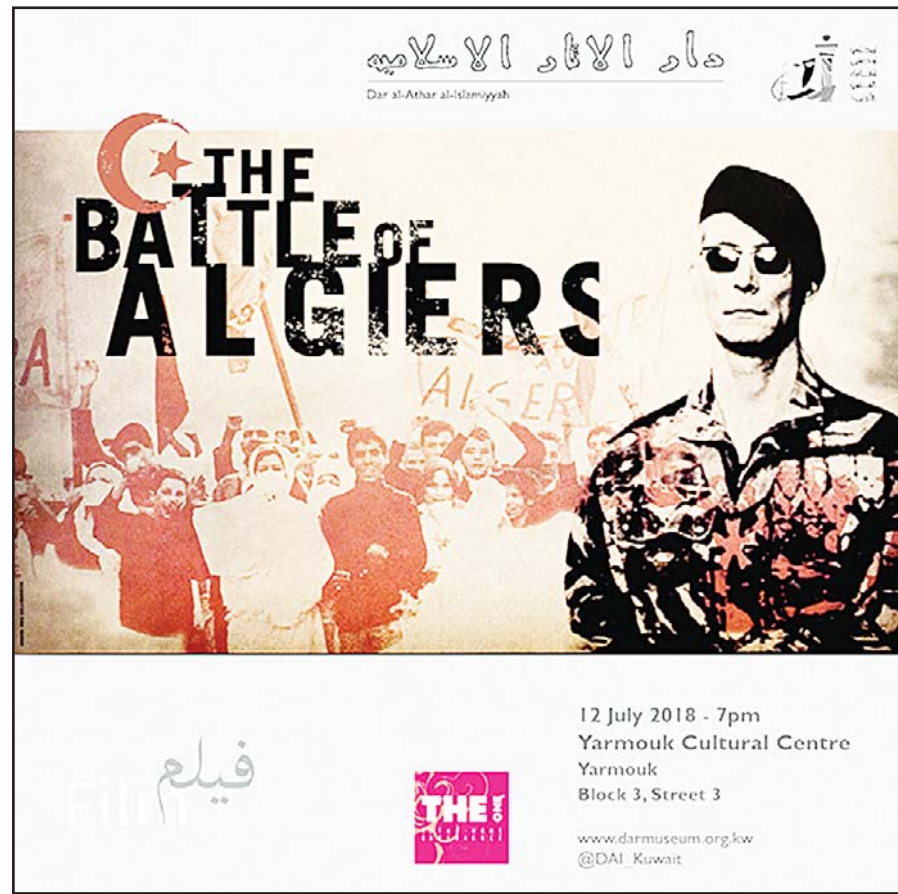
Netflix on Monday released the Season 6 trailer for "Orange Is the New Black," which sees the Litchfield Penitentiary crew relocating to a maximum security facility, complete with new inmates, routines, and uniforms.

"This isn't home — this is not home!" exclaims Uzo Aduba's Suzanne as she's transferred to a new cell.

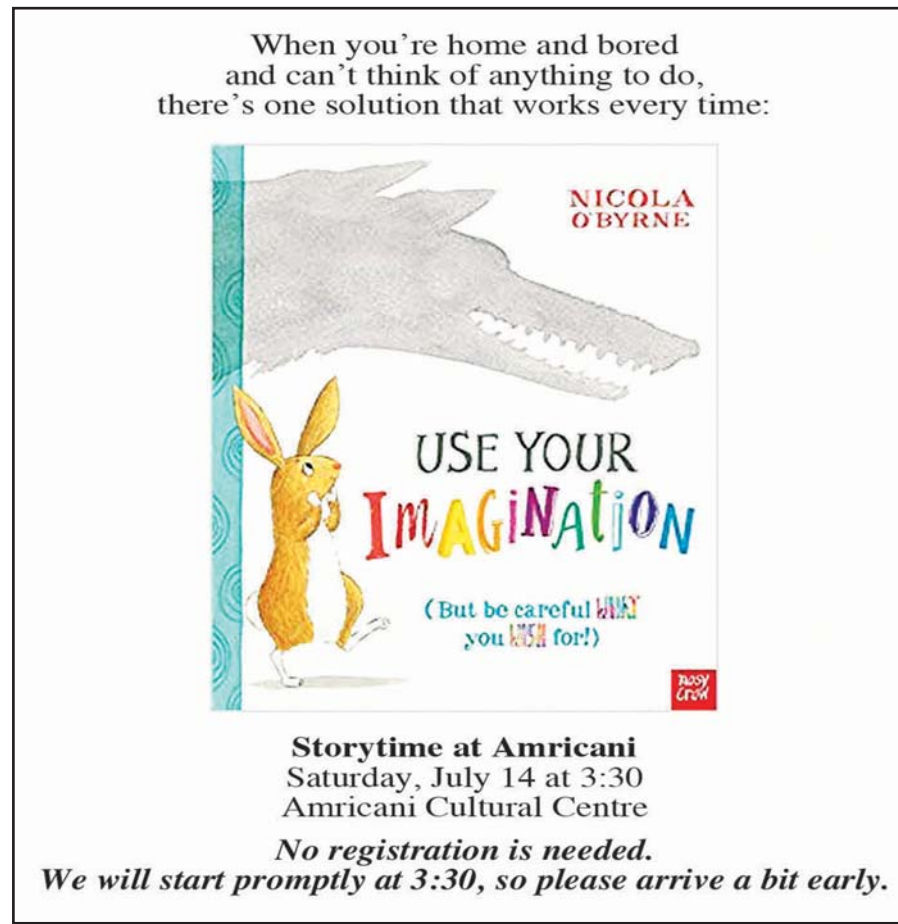
"It is now," replies the guard. But Aduba's character appears to have a difficult time adjusting to her new "home," as well as her new garb — she now wears a pink jumpsuit instead of the series' orange staple.

"First, my friends become not my friends, and then I'm given a color that other colors want to fight," Suzanne laments to Piper.

Taylor Schilling's character, however, seems to believe pink is an advantage on the max security color spectrum. "Blues and khakis have beef with each other," Piper, one of the "blues," says. "Pinks are safe out there."



A flyer of the event.



A flyer of the event.

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General

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Humanities, Liberal Arts, Commerce, Management, Journalism, Hotel Management, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and some other courses.

The scheme is open to NRIs/PIOs from over 40 countries (including Kuwait) having substantial Indian Diaspora population.

The Scheme was revamped and launched in July 2016. Under the revamped Scheme, number of scholarships has been enhanced from 100 to 150 with introduction of 50 scholarships for children of Indian workers employed in the Emigration Check Required (ECR) countries. The Scheme is now applicable to four categories of applicants:

- (i) Persons of Indian Origin
- (ii) Non-Resident Indians
- (iii) Children of Indian workers working in ECR countries (including Kuwait).
- (iv) Children of Indian workers in ECR countries - studying in India

The institutions that are covered under this Scheme are:

- (i) NITs, IIITs, Schools of Planning and

Architecture

(ii) "A" Grade institutions accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and recognised by University Grants Commission (UGC).

(iii) Other institutions covered under Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) scheme.

Income criteria will be applicable to all four categories. Applicants will seek scholarships after they obtain admission in the approved list of educational institutions.

Applications are required to be submitted online at SPDC portal - <http://spdcindia.gov.in/login/index.php>. Last date for submission of applications was extended till Oct 14, 2016. Nodal officer for SPDC is P. Bhargadwaj, Deputy Secretary (OIA-II), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, Tel: 00-91-11-24197952, Email: dsola2@mea.gov.in

Experience Science for Adults: Registration is now open for Experience Science for Adults.

Why should kids have all the fun?! The five week programme will be held on Saturday from 10:00 am-11:30 am at the Yarmouk Cultural Centre.

Registration is limited to 16. You may register at either the Amricani Cultural Centre, Sunday to Thursday 10:00-3:00 or the Yarmouk Cultural Centre, Sunday to Thursday 10:00-6:00.

For more information, please email: education@darmuseum.org.kw

TIES Center classes: TIES Center is conducting a series of classes about some of the Prophets and Messengers of God who strove very hard to spread monotheism and teach their respective peoples how to worship God. Their message was not only spiritual; they also taught people how to conduct their daily lives and develop the living conditions on earth.

In this series, we will focus on the following prophets: Adam, Noh (Noah), Ibrahim (Abraham), Ayoub (Job), Yousuf (Joseph), Mousa (Moses), and Eisa (Jesus) — may peace, mercy and blessings of Allah (to Whom all might and majesty is ascribed) be upon them all.

We will not only focus on historical facts, but will also deduce some important lessons whose application in our daily interactions and chores determine our success and salvation.

Join us every Thursday at 7 pm to learn about the life and times of those messengers of firm resolve.

The TIES Center is the social and educational hub for English Speaking Muslims in Kuwait. For more information, please call 25231015 or e-mail info@tiescenter.net or visit www.tiescenter.net.

TIES Center events: TIES Center announces following events — Tajweed and Recitation: Learn and practice the art of reciting the Holy Quran (tajweed). The instructor will also answer questions related to the meaning of the Arabic words and verses.

Every Sunday & Tuesday @ 10 – 11:30am; every Monday @ 5-6:30pm.

The TIES Center is the social and educational hub for English Speaking expats in Kuwait. For more information, please call 25231015 or e-mail info@tiescenter.net or visit www.tiescenter.net.

Sports

Chess Round Robin Challenge: Registrations are open for chess coaching and the Annual Round Robin Challenger Series. Send your name, Civil ID No., mobile number, age, rating to saviosgomes@gmail.com with CCR in the e-mail subject. No entry fee.

Kwt-Brits football supporters: A new football supporters website for British expats living and working in Kuwait has been set up by an Everton supporter, Trevor Powell. The Kuwait Brits Football Supporters Association (KBFA) site aims to provide contact information for supporters of each others' whereabouts and also in the future hopes to organise social events such as

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TV highlights

Cinema

Cinema programme from Thursday 5/7/2018 to Wednesday 11/7/2018

Movie	Time	Location	Movie	Time	Location	Movie	Time	Location
Adventures of Petey and Friends	16:10, 18:20	Avenues	Avengers: Infinity War	15:25	360°	(Daily Exc Fri)	13:30, 18:05, 22:40, 00:45 (Fri)	Bairaq
Ant-Man and the Wasp	14:45, 19:45, 22:15, 00:45	360°	Deadpool 2	00:10	Sharqia		13:55, 18:05	Al-Fanar
Ant-Man and the Wasp	13:00, 13:30, 15:30, 16:00, 18:30, 18:30, 21:00, 23:00, 23:30	Grand Gate 4	Deadpool 2	22:50	Avenues		14:50, 21:35, 23:45	Marina
Ant-Man and the Wasp	(Daily Exc Fri)		Deadpool 2	20:00	Grand Gate 4		(Daily Exc Mon, Sun)	
Ant-Man and the Wasp	12:00, 14:30, 16:55, 19:30, 22:00, 23:30	360°	Escape Plan 2: Hades	23:30 (Thu, Fri)			14:50, 21:15, 21:35, 23:45 (Mon)	
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