



# The Humor Mill

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## Other Comedy News In Living Color's Back Again as *The Underground*

**The Wrap Party for  
The Underground in  
Hollywood, LA at  
The White Lotus**



Nichelle Murdock  
(Flystar) & Damon Wayans



Wil Sylvince & Damon Wayans Jr.



Comedic Actors Aires Spears  
& Vincent Oshana



Angie, Cathy, Aires Spears  
& Fan

Comedian Damon Wayans brings his patented brand of insightful, take-no-prisoners humor to **SHOWTIME** with **DAMON WAYANS' THE UNDERGROUND**, a half-hour sketch comedy series to premiere on the network this fall, it was announced last week by **Robert Greenblatt**, President of Entertainment for Showtime. Currently wrapped (it was filmed in Los Angeles) the series received a 10-episode order.

Referring to the riotous, groundbreaking '90s sketch comedy show that launched careers for him, his siblings, **Jim Carrey**, and **David Alan Grier**, Wayans says of **DAMON WAYANS' THE UNDERGROUND**: "It's *In Living Color* on steroids...it will be everything we weren't allowed to do on broadcast television." **Dean Lorey** (*My Wife and Kids*) will direct Wayans and fellow writer/ensemble cast members, including Groundlings players **Edi Patterson** and **Mikey Day** (*Nick Cannon Presents Wild 'N Out*), and heir apparent, **Damon Wayans Jr.**, among others.

"Damon Wayans is one of the most original and most versatile comic actors and writer/producers working in this business today," said Greenblatt. "He's done everything from hit films to a hit sitcom, but I know he has a very warm spot in his heart for the days of *In Living Color*, and he intends to push the boundaries of the almost-forgotten sketch comedy genre with *The Underground*. I'm thrilled to bring him to SHOWTIME where we will provide him the freedom to express his unique comedic voice in a way that only premium television can offer."

While the show will feature recurring sketch characters, parodies of pop culture and a new generation of sketch performers alongside Damon, it will also feature more sketches filmed outside the studio along with an eclectic mix of dance, music, and other visual arts used as interstitial moments. There may also be some fly-on-the-wall glimpses into behind-the-scenes moments showing how this show is put together and how the sketches develop, a complex and funny process that the audience will enjoy.