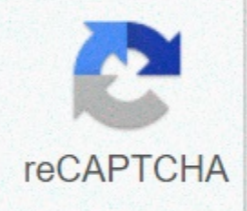




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by DasaptaErwin | Posted on February 6, 2009 Little House on the Prairie is an American one-hour dramatic TELEVISION program that aired on the NBC network from September 11, 1974, to March 21, 1983, bumping the long-running Adam-12 series into Tuesday nights. During the 1982–83 television season, with the departure of Michael Landon, the series was broadcast with the new title Little House: A New Beginning. A three-hour compilation special called The Little House Years aired in 1979. (The series itself was preceded by a two-hour pilot film that first aired on March 30, 1974). The show was a loose adaptation of Laura Ingalls Wilder's bestselling series of Little House on the Prairie books. Readers of the books will notice major differences between the book series and the shows. The series was produced in the house by NBC. As of 2007, current corporate siblings Universal Media Studios own the underlying rights; however, it is distributed in syndication in the United States by CBS Television Distribution, the syndication arm of CBS Paramount Television (owner of the library of Worldvision Enterprises, the original syndicated distributors). &lt;! [CDATA[ om (window.showToToggle) { was tocShowText = show; was tocHideText = hide; showToToggle(); } //]]&gt; [edit] Cast [edit] Main [edit] Recurring [edit] Detail Although it differed from the original books, and many new characters and situations were added, this TV series was one of the few long-running successful dramatic family programs (and it's still in syndication). Although primarily a drama, the program did have some comedic moments, thanks to supporting cast members like Mr. Edwards (played by Victor French) and the Oleson family: Nels Oleson (Richard Bull), Harriet Oleson (Katherine MacGregor), Willie Oleson (Jonathan Gilbert), and Nellie Oleson (Alison Arngrim). The show's central characters are Charles Ingalls (Michael Landon), farmer and patriarch, with his wife Caroline (Karen Grassle), and four daughters, Mary (Melissa Sue Anderson), Laura (Melissa Gilbert), Carrie (Lindsay and Sidney Greenbush and Grace (Wendi and Brenda Turnbaugh). The Ingalls also adopt 10-year-old Albert Quinn (Matthew Laborteaux), whom the family meets when they move (briefly) to Winoka, Dakota Territory in a series of 1978 episodes. Later, the Ingalls family adopts more children, James (Jason Bateman) and Cassandra Cooper (Missy Francis), a brother and sister who are orphaned after their parents were killed in a carriage accident. Other important characters included the friendly Nels Oleson, owner of the city's public shop, Oleson's Mercantile; his malevolent, gossipy wife, Harriet; and their two spoiled children, Nellie and Willie; and later, their adopted child, Nancy (Allison Balsou). Also appearing in the series are Merlin Olsen (as Jonathan Garvey), Dabbs Greer (who Robert Alden), Karl Swenson (as Lars Hanson, the city's founder and owner of the city's mill), and Kevin Hagen (as Dr. Hiram Baker, the city's physician). Malcolm in the middle creator Linwood Boomer appears as Mary Ingall's teacher-turned-husband, Adam Kendall, whom she meets at the school for the blind in the 1978-1979 season. In 1979, Dean Butler joined the cast of Almanzo Wilder, and he and Laura are married in the 1980-1981 season premiere. Michael Landon directed the largest number of episodes (87); producer William F. Claxton handled the majority of the remaining performances (68). Co-star Victor French helmed 19 episodes. The show's theme song was titled The Little House and was written and directed by David Rose. As with most TV series set in a distant time or place, the series contains occasional historical inaccuracies and errors. For example, in the early episode Country Girls, near the end of the episode in the school yard, an airplane can be heard flying overhead which of course did not exist at the time. Little House on the Prairie was filmed largely at the Big Sky Ranch in Simi Valley, California. Camera extractions sometimes pick up the rugged terrain, far too mountainous for Minnesota and the Californian chaparral vegetation. In a certain episode Laura runs away and climbs up a mountain. However, there are no mountains on the prairie. Nevertheless, in most scenes the oak savanna is considered representative of the real Walnut Grove. Dr. Baker's phone seems way ahead of its time, as the phone was newly invented and only existed in large cities in the 1880s. Also during the series run several married women are regularly seen teaching. In the 19th century, married women were not allowed to teach. Several episodes also mentioned peanut butter sandwiches, which were not introduced until the early 20th century. Another episode shows an older probably Colonel Harland Sanders trying to sell his franchise to Mrs. Oleson. Sanders was born in 1890 and would have been an infant or child at the time the series takes place. There was also an episode in which Mr. Oleson claimed to have played college football, but he was far too old to have played in even the earliest college football games (which took place in 1869). In addition, the episode A Wiser Heart takes place, when Laura Ingalls Wilder was 17 years old. In the episode, she attends a lecture by Ralph Waldo Emerson; Emerson died in 1882. The most successful Western dramatic series ended in 1983, due to low ratings (following Landon's decision to cast), but this show set the tone for another series similar to Little House: Dr. Quinn: Medicine Woman. In addition, the show is extremely popular in reruns in syndication, Hallmark Channel and on TV Land, and because of its historical context, is considered acceptable to use by FCC to comply with federal E/I programming guidelines. Two stations that use the program to meet E/I include Orange County, California's KDOC, and Green Bay, Wisconsin's WLUK. In Canada, reruns of the series began airing weeknights at 6:00 pm on CTS, a Christian-based network, set on September 1, 2008. [edit] A list of guest stars During their nine season run, many actors made guest appearances, including both well-known actors and/or unknown actors who went on to become well-known stars. Among those appearing in the Little House episodes were: Willie Aames, Christopher Cashion, Anne Archer, Lew Ayres, Hermione Baddeley, Parley Baer, Olivia Barash, Don 'Red' Barry, Billy Barty, Richard Basehart, Tony Becker, Ralph Bellamy, Ken Berry, Peter Billingsley, Dirk Blocker, Ray Bolger, Ernest Borg, Todd Bridges, Walter Brooke, Red Buttons, Johnny Cash, June Carter Cash, Leon Charles, Don Collier, Nicolas Coster, James Cromwell, Royal Dano, Shannen Ike Eisenmann, Lou Fant, Gil Gerard, Ted Gehring, Jack Ging, Louis Gossett Jr., Nancy Lee Grahn, Moses Gunn, Mariette Hartley, Arthur Hill, John Hillerman, Robert Hoffman, Beth Howland, John Ireland, Burl Ives, Richard Jaeckel, Lance Kerwin, Tom Lester, Geoffrey Lewis, Mike Lookinland, Betty Lynn, Laurie Main, Chuck McCann, Jimmy McNichol, Richard Mulligan, Alvy Moore, Patricia Neal, Sean Penn, Radames Pera, John Bennett Perry, Carl Pitti, Eddie Quillan, Bill Quinn, Kim Richards, Tracie Savage, William Schallert, Eric Shea, James B. Sikking, Olan Soule, Madeleine Stowe, Dub Taylor, Kelly Thordson, Forrest Tucker, Mitch Vogel, Anthony Zerbe, among many others. [edit] Spin-offs and sequels [edit] Little House: A New Beginning A spin-off series of battles, Little House: A New Beginning, built around Laura and Almanzo, lasted only one season and aired from September 1982 to March 1983 (and is part of the Little House syndication package). A new family, the Carters (Stan Ivar as John, Pamela Roylance as Sarah, Lindsay Kennedy as older son Jeb and David Friedman as younger son Jason), move into Ingall's old home. Meanwhile, Almanzo and Laura, bring in their niece, Jenny Wilder (played by Shannen Doherty), when Almanzo's brother dies and raise her along with her daughter, Rose. Wilders appears prominently in some episodes, while in others, they appear only in early scenes used to introduce the story or its characters (see, for example, The Last Summer). [edit] Movie Sequels Three made-for-television movie sequels followed: Little House: Look Back to Yesterday (1983), Little House: Bless All the Dear Children (1983) and Little House: The Last Farewell (1984). Two other Little House films were made in conjunction with the Landon series: the 1974 pilot for the program and Little House Years (1979), a Thanksgiving special/clip show that aired in the middle of Season 6. Parodies Parodies TV's Canadian sitcom Little Mosque on the Prairie takes its title, logo and groundbreaking spirit, if not much else, from this series. [edit] Broadcast History and Ratings Little House on the Prairie was one of several hit shows on NBC primetime throughout the 1970s and early 1980s. For the first two seasons, the show was aired on Wednesday nights at 8pm ET/7:00 pm CT, to moderate ratings. In 1976, the series became a Monday night staple on NBC; after the move, it remained in the Top 30 for the rest of its run. Season Ratings Rank 1974-1975 #13 1975-1976 — 1976-1977 #16 1977-1978 #7 1978-1979 #14 1979-1980 #16 1980-1981 #10 1981-1982 #25 1982-1983 #28 [edit] Awards 1976 TP de Oro, Mejor Actriz Extranjera (Best Foreign Actress), Karen Grassle 1976 TP de Oro, Mejor Series Extranjera (Best Foreign Series) 1978 Emmy Award, Outstanding Cinematography in Entertainment Programming for a Series, Ted Voightlander, episode The Fighter 1979 Emmy Award, Outstanding Cinematography for a Series, Ted Voighlander, episode The Craftsman 1979 Emmy Award, Outstanding Music Composition for a Series, David Rose, episode The Craftsman 1980 TP de Oro, Mejor Actriz Extranjera (Best Foreign Actress), Melissa Sue Anderson 1981 Western Writers of America Spur Award, Best TV Script, Michael Landon, episode May We Make Them Proud 1982 Emmy Award , Outstanding Performance in Music Composition for a Series (Dramatic Underscores), David Rose, episode He Was Only Twelve, Part 2 1983 Young Artist Award, Best Young Actress in a Drama Series, Melissa Gilbert 1984 Young Artist Award, Best Young Actress in a Drama Series, Melissa Gilbert [edit] DVD editions The entire series has been released on DVD. The American DVDs include exclusive interviews by Québécois Little House historian Patrick Loubatière and actors Alison Arngrim, Dabbs Greer and Dean Butler. A majority of the episodes in the North American DVD versions have scenes cut from the episodes-these are derived from the syndicated television versions by Worldvision Company, the series former distributor; in fact, their various logos still appear at the end of most episodes (but before the current NBC Universal Television Distribution logo). Other episodes, especially in DVD versions of some episodes in Seasons 1 and 8 of the original series, and season 9 of ... A New Beginning, is time pressure; these are NTSC converted video expressions from UK PAL master. Only a handful of episodes in DVD sets are in their original, uncut versions (for example, many Season 1 episodes on DVD contain scenes not in current syndication prints). Unfortunately, many sections of the DVD versions contain tracking lines and audio problems. The DVDs sold in the United States and Canada were released under license from NBC Universal by Imavision Distribution, a quebec-based company. Imavision has a French-language version of the DVD set, which is sold separately. Both versions are in NTSC color, and encoded for all regions. Later copies were distributed by Lions Gate Entertainment, following their acquisition of Imavision. The DVDs sold in the UK were released by Universal Playback (a Universal Studios Home Entertainment label); This version is pal color, and encoded for Region 2. Some time earlier, a few single Little House episodes were released on both DVD and VHS by GoodTimes Entertainment. Before retail DVDs were available, little house episodes were available through a Columbia House club subscription. These VHS tapes contained two episodes per tape and were only available at club price. The episodes on these VHS tapes, unlike the current DVDs, were not edited and remain the only commercially available uncut episodes. Season Episodes Originally aired DVD release date Region 1 Region 2 1 23 1974-1975 July 8, 2003 July 25, 2005 2 22 1975 - 1976 July 8, 2003 March 27, 2006 3 21 1976-1977 November 4, 2003 March 10, 2008 4 22 1977-1978 February 17, 2004 May 26, 2008 5 24 1978-1979 June 29, 2004 4 August 2008 6 24 1979-1980 October 26, 2004 TBA 7 24 1980-1981 February 15, 2005 TBA 8 22 1981-1982 June 14, 2005 TBA 9 1911 982-1982– 1983 November 1, 2005 TBA 10 3 1983-1984 November 28, 2006 TBA The complete TV series 203 1974-1984 November 11, 2008[1][2][3][4] Books Hobbies Log in entries RSS Comments RSS WordPress.org My Tweets

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