

Port Charles Returns to TV

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Port Charles given new life.

SOAPnet to Air Port Charles!

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Port Charles fans -- call your cable and/or satellite companies!

Soapdom has just learned that SOAPnet returns former ABC Daytime soap Port Charles to television on Monday, December 29th.

The series will air two back-to-back episodes weekdays from 12 – 1 p.m. ET/PT beginning with "Fate" which originally aired in December 2000. "Fate" was the series' first foray into Telenovella storytelling, structured in 12-week story arcs featuring soul mates, star-crossed lovers, and forbidden attractions.

"We're proud to add 'Port Charles' to our stable of classic soaps such as Ryan's Hope and Another World, which have a strong, loyal base of fans," said Deborah Blackwell, General Manager SOAPnet. "These classics complement our same-day soaps and original series and specials."

"This is a major coup for the all soaps cable channel," said Linda Marshall-Smith, CEO Soapdom, Inc. "There must have been many negotiations into the wee hours of the morning to reach amenable agreements between actors, producers, writers, the various unions, the parent network (ABC), the parent company (Disney), and the new network, SOAPnet, to re-run Port Charles. The money deals must have worked out in SOAPnet's favor, and the show will go on the air again this month!"

Port Charles premiered in 1997 as a spin-off from the award-winning soap General Hospital. Its last episode aired on ABC October 3, 2003. The show featured three of General Hospital's most popular characters, Lucy Coe (Lynn Herring), Kevin Collins (Jon Robert Lindstrom), and Scott Baldwin (Kin Shriner), as well as new fan favorites Erin Hershey Presley, Brian Presley, Kiko Ellsworth and Kelly Monaco. The show adopted its unique storytelling format in December 2000, where every twelve weeks was titled as a book with individual chapters and story lines

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and, unlike traditional soaps, a beginning, middle, and end.

Port Charles enjoyed a six-year run on ABC. In its last three years, the revamped storytelling style delved into the world of vampires. PC received its first and only Emmy nomination for Outstanding Drama in 2003 and won the Soapdom Cybby Award for Outstanding Drama in 2003.

“Port Charles” was executive produced by Julie Carruthers who currently serves as executive producer of ABC Daytime’s “All My Children.”

Soapdom congratulates SOAPnet on working out the deal to air Port Charles from "Fate" forward.