

AMANDA TAPPING DIVES INTO 'ATLANTIS'

'Stargate SG-1' Star Joins 'Atlantis' Cast for Fourth Season

Claudia Black to Guest Star on 'The Dresden Files'

New York, NY – February 20, 2007 – The *Stargate* legacy continues to burn bright on SCI FI. As the countdown to the final ten episodes of *Stargate SG-1* commences, the Channel prepares for the launch of an all-new fourth season of *Stargate Atlantis* this fall. *SG-1*'s **Amanda Tapping** will travel to the Pegasus galaxy to join the *Atlantis* cast and reprise her role as television's favorite astrophysicist, Lt. Colonel Samantha Carter.

Taking the torch from *SG-1* as television's most thrilling adventure series, *Atlantis*, slated to begin production in Vancouver next month, promises to up the ante this season by introducing a powerful new race, welcoming new cast members and mourning the loss of some beloved friends.

For ten seasons, Tapping starred on *Stargate SG-1* as the intelligent and beautiful Samantha Carter. Her combination of Gate expertise, in-depth scientific knowledge and military training made her a critical member of SG-1. She will need to draw upon all these resources as she assumes her new role on *Atlantis*. Tapping will appear in 14 of the season's 20 episodes.

Atlantis fans can also look forward to the return of **Jewel Staite** (*Firefly*, *Serenity*). She will appear in eight episodes, reprising her role as Dr. Keller, a physician who joins the *Atlantis* expedition. Staite previously appeared on the series as Ellia, the Wraith child who was transformed into a human in the season 2 episode, "Instinct."

Season 4 of *Stargate Atlantis* will be executive produced by Brad Wright, Robert C. Cooper, Joseph Mallozzi and Paul Mullie. Mallozzi and Mullie will share the reins as the series' showrunners.

In other casting news, **Claudia Black** (*Stargate SG-1*, *Farscape*) has recently completed filming a guest-starring role on SCI FI's new original series *The Dresden Files*. In the episode, entitled "The Other Dick," Black plays Liz Fontaine, an Erin Brockovich-style private eye with a checkered past. Fontaine will give Harry Dresden (Paul Blackthorne) a run for his money, igniting sparks and tensions as they try to investigate the same murder case. The episode will air on Sunday, March 25 @ 9pm.

The final ten episodes of *Stargate SG-1* and season 3 of *Stargate Atlantis* will return on Friday, April 13, leading into the series debut of *Painkiller Jane*.

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