

BATTLESTAR GALACTICA TWO-HOUR SPECIAL EVENT

SET TO AIR IN 2009

New York, NY – August 7, 2008 - SCI FI Channel today announced an all-new *Battlestar Galactica* special event, set to air in 2009 following the conclusion of the series and then released on DVD by Universal Studios Home Entertainment shortly thereafter. Directed by series star **Edward James Olmos** and written by *Battlestar Galactica*'s **Jane Espenson**, the two-hour event will begin shooting in Vancouver at the end of this summer. The cast includes **Michael Trucco**, **Aaron Douglas** and **Dean Stockwell**, with more to be announced in the coming weeks.

Starting before the events of the miniseries, our story focuses on familiar characters including Cylon Number One, known as Cavil (Stockwell), Resistance Leader Sam T. Anders (Trucco) and Chief Galen Tyrol (Douglas). In the beginning, the Cylons had a plan, but it didn't account for one thing: survivors. During the chaotic aftermath of the destruction, two powerful Cylon agents struggle with plots and priorities on the human ships that got away, and among the resistance fighters who were left behind.

Redefining the space opera with its gritty realism, *Battlestar Galactica*'s intensity, issues-driven topicality, and command performances have garnered it unprecedented critical acclaim. In addition to winning a prestigious Peabody Award, the series has been honored as one of the 10 Outstanding Television Programs of the Year by the American Film Institute (AFI) for two years running. This year, the series was honored with six Emmy nominations, including a nod in the prestigious category for Outstanding Writing for a Drama Series. *Battlestar* is also responsible for introducing the expletive "frak" into the pop culture lexicon.

The series is from Universal Cable Productions and is executive produced by Ronald D. Moore and David Eick.

The final 10 episodes of *Battlestar Galactica* will begin airing on SCI FI Channel in 2009.