



**KCOP 13**  
LOS ANGELES

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**NEW SERIES "WAR OF THE WORLDS"**  
**LANDS ON KCOP AIR WAVES**

2 hour **DEBUT MOVIE**      --      **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12 at 8PM**

2 hour **ENCORE MOVIE**      --      **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 at 8PM**

**SERIES airs**      --      **SATURDAYS**      beginning **OCTOBER 15 at 9PM**

**SERIES ENCORES**      --      **SUNDAYS**      beginning **OCTOBER 23 at 4PM**

Thirty-five years ago, Earth was invaded by what seemed at the time an invincible army of aliens.

Were it not for the aliens' weak immune system, the invasion would have been successful. Common bacteria accomplished what atomic bombs had failed to do. The aliens were stopped in their tracks. Stopped, but not defeated.

The aliens did not die from their exposure to Earth's bacteria. Instead, their complex molecular structure merely retreated into a form of suspended animation, imprisoning them in a state of involuntary hibernation.

Fate, happenstance, and KCOP-TV are poised to awaken these aliens from their dreamless sleep.

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### The Cast

The U.S. Government has recruited a crack team of scientists and military experts to combat the alien invasion.

Jared Martin plays the brilliant astrophysicist Dr. Harrison Blackwood. An eccentric nonconformist, Blackwood has been recruited by the government to head the scientific effort against the aliens. Martin portrayed Dusty Farlow on "Dallas" and appeared on Broadway in "Torch Song Trilogy."

Lynda Mason Green portrays Suzanne McCullough, a prominent microbiologist who is as serious and inflexible as Blackwood is free-spirited. Mason Green's credits include the miniseries "Amerika" and the series "Night Heat" and "Adderly."

Richard Chaves portrays Lt. Col. Paul Ironhorse, a Blackfoot Indian and graduate of West Point whose extensive knowledge of hi-tech weaponry and military tactics makes him a valuable addition to the team. Chaves appeared in the films "Predator" and "Witness," and in the recent miniseries "Ari: The Life of Aristotle Onassis."

Philip Akin plays Norton Drake, a Jamaican-born communications expert and computer genius whose job is to monitor the alien's radio transmissions. Akin appeared in the film "Iceman" and was a recurring character on the series "Bizarre."

"War of the Worlds" also stars Corinne Conley, Larry Reynolds and Rachel Branchard. directing the two-hour premiere and initial episode is Colin Chilvers, the Academy Award-winning special effects director of "Superman -- The Movie." The show is produced in Canada.

Sam Strangis and Greg Strangis share executive producer credit via their Ten-Four Production banner. Herbert Wright is senior creative consultant, Tom Lazarus is executive consultant, and Jonathan Hackett is producer, based in Toronto.

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