



Fox announces fall schedule



Fox will get an early jump on fall, launching its Wednesday, Thursday and Friday skeds a week before the official TV season start.

That's still later than when Fox has traditionally kicked off its season; in years past, the net has spread its launches out within a much greater time frame. That included some shows launching at the end of August/beginning of September, as well as some shows waiting to premiere until the end of October or even November.

But with fewer baseball playoff game pre-emptions since the net split its package with Turner, Fox has been able to revert back to a more normal rollout. Hence this year's launch, which reps Fox's most traditional in years.

The net starts with the fall edition of "So You Think You Can Dance" on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 8 p.m., leading in to the regular series premiere of "Glee" (which was previewed on air in May) at 9 p.m.

The Thursday drama duo "Bones" and "Fringe" return the following night, Sept. 17, while Friday's sked (comedies "Brothers" and "Til Death," and returning drama "Dollhouse") is back Sept. 18.

"House" returns Monday, Sept. 21 with a two-hour episode; the show reverts to its regular 8 p.m. slot Sept. 28, along with the season premiere of "Lie to Me."

On Tuesdays, summer skein "Hell's Kitchen" will bleed into the fall, which means the Tuesday night edition of "So You Think You Can Dance" will run for just an hour through the month of October, until "Hell's" completes its run.



The Tuesday "Hell's Kitchen"/"So You Think You Can Dance" combo bows Sept. 29. (The summer edition of "Dance" winds down in August.)

Fox originally had announced a two-hour "Dance" on Tuesdays this fall. The show eventually will expand to two hours on the night, starting Oct. 27, a week after the "Hell's Kitchen" finale.

Fox's animated four-plex on Sundays -- "The Simpsons," newbie "The Cleveland Show," "Family Guy" and "American Dad" -- are back Sept. 27.

As for Saturdays, "Cops" will return with two new episodes Sept. 12, along with the season premiere of "America's Most Wanted." The latenight "Wanda Sykes Show" bows at 11 p.m. Nov. 7.

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