

TV STAR WILMER VALDERRAMA RETURNS TO HIS BIRTHPLACE FOR AN EMOTIONAL, LIFE-CHANGING JOURNEY IN PASTPORT: VENEZUELA

LATEST INSTALLMENT OF nuvoTV DOCUMENTARY SERIES PASTPORT: VENEZUELA PREMIERES MONDAY, JULY 4 AT 10 PM ET/PT

LOS ANGELES, June 13, 2011 — Wilmer Valderrama (*That 70's Show, Yo Momma, The Dry Land*) has become a household name since first appearing as the endearing FEZ on FOX's *That 70's Show*. Yet, few are aware that he had very humble beginnings and comes from an extremely poor neighborhood in Venezuela—a place so dangerous, residents lock themselves in their homes by 5 o'clock to avoid the violence on the streets. nuvoTV's *PASTPORT: VENEZUELA* joins Valderrama on his emotional return to Venezuela for the first time since he came to the U.S. 16 years ago.

The only series of its kind, *PASTPORT* follows the unique journeys of Latino celebrities as they travel to the countries of their families' origins, often for the first time, to re-connect with their Latino heritage, history and culture. *PASTPORT: VENEZUELA* premieres on Monday July 4 at 10 PM ET/PT.

The first stop for Valderrama, who traveled with a security detail—a necessity in modern day Venezuela—was to the capital, Caracas, to reunite with his father's family. The reunion becomes extremely emotional when they witness how the little boy they remember so lovingly has become a grown man and a bona fide TV star. "Distance makes someone forget," his aunt somberly reflected as she and Valderrama prepared a favorite traditional Venezuelan meal together - arepas. And although he has fond memories of much of his family, there are many more family members he is meeting for the very first time.

Born and raised in Acarigua, Venezuela, Valderrama's acting talent shone at an early age, and late at night he would often fantasize about being destined for Hollywood. Tears filled the actor's eyes when he returned to that very bedroom where he first envisioned his dream that would eventually lead him on a path to fame. With nostalgic visits to his elementary school, a local radio station and a drama class at a university, *PASTPORT: VENEZUELA* is an emotionally charged hour that gives viewers an up close and personal look at Hollywood star's triumphant return home.

"PASTPORT captures a journey to your past that anyone can relate to, but especially the Bi-Cultural Latino community," said Maria Perez-Brown, nuvoTV's senior vice president of programming, "The people we follow are passionate about their own American experience, but crave a stronger bond to their heritage. Our audience connects with this on a very personal level, because they are constantly balancing the best of their two cultures."

Additional **PASTPORT** Fall Premieres include:

Sunday, September 18 – ALANNA UBACH – PUERTO RICO

For actress Alanna Ubach (*HBO's Hung, Meet the Fockers, Legally Blonde*), a return to Puerto Rico will pay homage to her father, Rodolfo, who passed away when she was 19. Growing up, Alanna's family spent almost every New Year's Eve together in Puerto Rico, but they never experienced the culture or even visited her father's side of the family. Now - the time has come for her to connect with a family she's never known - and her Latin roots. Alanna says, "I need a Latin Boot Camp, and this is the perfect opportunity!"

Sunday, November 13 – TATYANA ALI – PANAMA

As a child, Tatyana Ali (*Fresh Prince of Bel Air*) heard little of her family's history in Panama. But it wasn't until her estranged grandfather passed away eight years ago that she decided to visit for the very first time. Growing up in America, Tatyana has had opportunities that other Panamanian young women only dream of, with her successful career as a singer/actress. But performing in the homeland she's only heard of until now will be a dream come true!

About nuvoTV

nuvoTV (mynuvoTV.com), currently Sí TV, will launch on July 4, 2011 and is the first and only English-language television network created for American Bi-Cultural Latinos 18-49A.

Bold. Vibrant. Driven. From lifestyle and comedy programming to music and movies, 70% of the programming slate consists of originals, all shot in high-definition. nuvoTV will connect with bicultural Latinos across all platforms (TV, online, VOD, broadband, mobile), offering unique, high quality content that speaks to this audience.

nuvoTV is available in major markets including Los Angeles, New York, Miami, Chicago and San Francisco / Bay Area. Major distribution partners include AT&T U-verse, Comcast, Cox, Dish Network, Time Warner Cable and Verizon FiOS.

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