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TORONTO

YOU CAN NOW direct rock stars **David Bowie** or **Prince** from the comfort of your own home, thanks to a new interactive CD-ROM product.

The CD-ROM disks allow computer users to create their own images of the rockers, drawing from a variety of footage and music.

"This project represents a different approach to music. You will no longer sit there passively, you will be able to participate," said Steve Peterson, marketing director of Los Angeles-based ION Inc., which will be releasing a Bowie CD-ROM disk called *Jump* in the U.S. on Tuesday.

Jump — which retails for $49.95 US — allows users to mix previous video and concert footage, as well as interview clips and backstage photographs, into a seamless video clip. Or if you think one of the five tracks from Bowie's *Black Tie, White Noise* album would sound better with a little audio editing, you can do that as well.

Going one step further, Prince's release — out on June 7, his birthday — is being billed as a game by its creators. You can do everything, except meet him in person, for $49.95 US.

"This is the next best thing to virtual reality," said Diane Parazin, an official with game designer Graphix Zone. "You don't have to follow any linear pattern, you can just navigate anywhere you want to within the game."

Depending on where users go, puzzles, riddles and even karaoke will pop up on the computer screen. "You can play his guitar, walk around in his recording studio, re-mix music tracks, look at his boudoir and see the clothes he wears," Parazin said from Irvine, Calif.

The Prince release took 17 people over six months to produce.

There is no word yet on Canadian release dates for either product, however.

To run the software, you'll need a Mac computer with a CD-ROM drive. IBM-based versions will be available early in the fall.

— *Canadian Press*

DONE DEAL

Surrey's own **Lisa Brokop**, star of **Sandy Wilson's** *Harmony Cats*, has signed a new record deal in Nashville, Tenn. with Patriot Records. The new deal has the 20-year-old country vocalist in the studio for an album due out Sept. 6th.

— *Katherine Monk*

CASTING CALL

The Canadian feature film *Glenonky*, a children's adventure story about Ogopogo, is looking for a Japanese boy ages 8-11 for the character Hiro. The film shoots July 4 — Aug. 26 in Vancouver and Kaslo B.C.

Hiro is described as loud, brash, outgoing and very energetic.If the aspiring actor speaks Japanese it's a plus but not a necessity. Serious enquires only. Call Stuart Akins at 682-1432.

NEWS RATES

MONTREAL — Newsworld's *The National* will remain on the news channel next fall, but will be revamped to make it more distinct from CBC's *Prime Time News*, Newsworld head **Michael Harris** says.

The National's fate was in limbo last week when CBC announced plans to move PTN to 10 p.m. and bring back 11 p.m. regional newscasts.*The National*, which currently runs every hour on Newsworld between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., was seen as potential competition for CBC's main network news programming. There was speculation that the show would be eliminated at 10 p.m.

However, Harris says *The National* will continue, though the newscast portion of the half-hour program will be reduced to about 14 minutes (it's now 16), and will accommodate more and shorter stories. More time will be devoted to sports and business segments of the program, he said.

— *Ottawa Citizen*

SOUTH SUCCESS

CBS has picked up the Canadian-made series *Due South* for its 1994 autumn schedule. It marks the first time a U.S. network has bought an entirely Canadian-made series for a prime-time spot. The network has ordered eight one-hour episodes.

The series, which is based on a two-hour pilot that aired in the U.S. on April 23, is about a Mountie (**Paul Gross**) and a Chicago cop (**David Marciano**) who team up to work together. The pilot won the right for CBS the right it aired.

— *Nicholas Read*

TV HIGHLIGHTS

SATURDAY

Somehow 40 years of television are going to be compressed into two hours when *ABC's 40th Anniversary* (9 p.m. on ABC) looks back on four decades of series, specials, sports, news and stars on the alphabet network. Among the luminaries making appearances are **Tim Allen**, **Henry Winkler**, **Brett Butler**, **Jim McKay** and **Dick Clark**.

SUNDAY

It's hard to say what appealed to so many people about *City Slickers* (8:30 p.m. on CHEK and ABC), but if you watch, perhaps you can figure it out. **Billy Crystal** plays a city slicker who "finds himself" on a dude holiday in the Old West.

Seasons of the Heart (9 p.m. on NBC) features **Carol Burnett** in a complicated family drama centred around a woman plagued by her work, her husband (**George Segal**) and her estranged drug addict daughter (**Jill Teed**).

MONDAY

Farrah Fawcett stars in the unlikely — for her — period piece, *The Substitute Wife* (9 p.m. on BCTV and NBC), about a 19th-century prostitute (Fawcett) who is recruited by a dying frontierswoman (**Lea Thompson**) to look after her husband and children when she's gone.

— *Nicholas Read*

TELEVISION

Trial by mini-series sentences brothers to sweeps week

NICHOLAS READ
Sun Television Critic

AS THE WHOLE world knows by now, the first trials of Erik and Lyle Menendez resulted in hung juries. The notorious L.A. heirs to a huge family fortune have admitted killing their parents, but their motive is still a matter of dispute. Was it cold-blooded, premeditated murder, or was it self-defence?

That has to be decided in a second trial, presumably a fair, impartial, unbiased affair before 12 men (and women) brave and true who have not seen *Menendez: A Killing in Beverly Hills* (Sunday at 9 p.m. on CTV and CBS). Because if they have, they will have concluded beyond any reasonable doubt that the boys are guilty as sin.

Of course, only the real Lyle and Erik know what really happened on that grisly night in 1989. Were they really afraid for their lives as they now claim, or, as this movie suggests, were the killings just retribution for all the years of psychological torment their father put them through?

Nevertheless, it's up to a court to do its best to decide, not a television mini-series broadcast during sweeps month. Yes, television is the most powerful and abused medium in the history of humankind, but has it become so omnipotent now that it's meting out justice? Apparently, it has.

Granted, if you watch and believe the events recreated in *Menendez: A Killing in Beverly Hills*, you won't feel any sympathy for Mr. and Mrs. Menendez (Beverly D'Angelo) because she really was a victim, not just of murder, but of her husband, of weakness, of life in general.

But José Menendez (Edward James Olmos), at least as he's portrayed here, was a first-class bastard. A bullying, dominating, unforgiving, close-minded, ruthless, paranoid, womanizing, treacherous jerk who had no business ever being a father to anyone.

Nothing his sons (Damian Chapa as Erik and Travis Fine as Lyle) did was good enough. No matter how hard they tried, they could never satisfy

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DAMIAN CHAPA and Travis Fine play the Menendez duo

THEATRE

BARBARA CROOK
Sun Theatre Critic

AND THE winner is ... you. Members of the Vancouver professional theatre community are busy casting their ballots for this year's Jessie Richardson Theatre Awards. But you can have your say in who gets a very special award at this year's Jessies.

The Vancouver Sun Readers' Choice Award is your chance to vote for your favorite local performer of the 1993-94 Vancouver professional theatre season.

You can cast your ballot for one of the 14 lead performers nominated by the Jessie selection committee. Or you can write in your vote for a local actor who wasn't nominated by the Jessie committee but who deserves a special honor for his or her leading performance.

Just remember that the performance in question must have occurred between May 1, 1993 and April 30, 1994.

Please vote for one performer only – no second or third choices, please. We'll announce the winner at the Jessie Awards ceremony, June 12 at the Vogue Theatre.

You might be a winner, too. We'll draw one reader's name at random from the ballots received. That person will win a pair of tickets to the Jessies, one night's accommodation at the Pan Pacific Hotel with dinner for two at the Five Sails Restaurant, and a pair of tickets to productions at the Arts Club Theatre and Vancouver Playhouse.

Your entry must be received by Tuesday, June 4 at 5 p.m. for your vote to count, and to be eligible for our grand prize.

So cast your ballot for your best actor. To refresh your memory, here's some information on the 14 performers nominated by the Jessie committee for their achievements in leading roles:

KATHLEEN DUBORG is nominated for her portrayal of a young white woman embarking on a spiritual and emotional journey with a First Nations family in the Tamahnous Theatre production of Leslie Hamson's *Landscapes*. Duborg also appeared this season in Mu Tsw at the Vancouver Fringe Festival, toured the Lower Mainland with *No Cents* and performed in *Hard Doubles* at the Lunchbox Theatre.

TODD DUCKWORTH played four characters —

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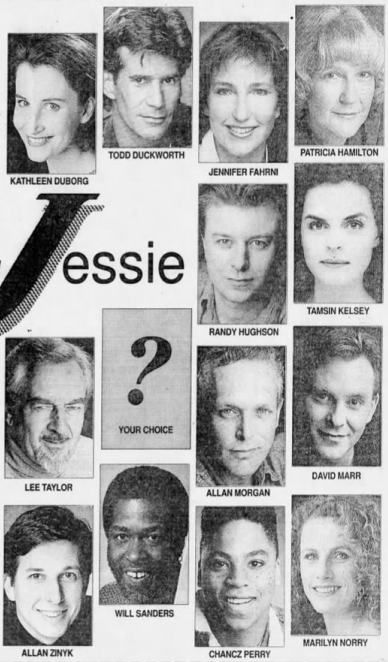

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Vancouver Sun Readers' Choice Jessie Award

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To make your nomination for *The Vancouver Sun* Readers' Choice Award for best performer, please place a check mark beside the name of ONE of these 14 nominees, OR write in your own selection in the space provided.

- ❑ Kathleen Duborg (*Landscapes*)
- ❑ Todd Duckworth (*Contents Under Pressure*)
- ❑ Jennifer Fahrni (*The Crackwalker*)
- ❑ Patricia Hamilton (*If We Are Women*)
- ❑ Randy Hughson (*Whale Riding Weather*)
- ❑ Tamsin Kelsey (*A Doll's House*)
- ❑ David Marr (*A Little of Wot You Fancy*)
- ❑ Allan Morgan (*Lilies*)
- ❑ Marilyn Norry (*The Stone Angel*)
- ❑ Chancz Perry (*Black and Gold*)
- ❑ Will Sanders (*When the Rains Come*)
- ❑ Ron Sauve (*Jennie's Story*)
- ❑ Lee Taylor (*The Rainmaker*)
- ❑ Allan Zinyk (*A Little of Wot You Fancy*)
- ❑ OTHER (Please specify performer and production):

YOUR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE (HOME): _____ WORK: _____

Please return this coupon to:
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The Vancouver Sun
2250 Granville Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6H 3G2

All ballots must be received by TUESDAY, JUNE 7 at 5 p.m.

OTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS
1. You must be 19 years of age or older to enter this contest.
2. Winner will be drawn at random from all entries received and contacted by phone.
3. Prizes must be accepted as awarded and have no cash equivalent.
4. Only original *Vancouver Sun* entry forms or reasonable hand drawn facsimiles will be accepted.
5. Only one entry per person will be accepted.
6. Winners of any *Vancouver Sun* contests within the last three months are not eligible to win.
7. Winner must correctly answer a skill-testing question in order to receive the prize.
8. Employees of Pacific Press Ltd., affiliated sponsors and their immediate families are not eligible to enter.
9. All decisions of contest judges are final and binding in all matters relating to this contest.

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