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Celebrities On Reality Tv

By Libbles

Is it me or are we seeing more and more former celebrities and celebrities on the C or D list on television nowadays? Practically anywhere you look on television you can find former stars trying to make a comeback.

Do you like heavy metal musicians from the 70's and 80's? Check out Gene Simmons from KISS on VH1, Tommy Lee (the drummer from Motley Crue) going to college on NBC, or the lead singer from Warrant on Celebrity Fit Club. Like hip-hop? Bobby Brown has his own show on Bravo. Boy bands more your thing? Joey McIntyre danced up a storm on Dancing with the Stars.

How about aging sports stars? Jose Canseco is one of the housemates on The Surreal Life 5, and we all got to see Evander Holyfield strut his stuff on ABC this summer. Hulk Hogan has his own show on VH1.

We also have the opportunity to see television stars from previous decades - remember Balki on Perfect Strangers? He's also one of the roommates on The Surreal Life 5. Willie Aames from Charles in Charge and Eight is Enough is on Celebrity Fit Club. Who didn't love John O'Hurley (of Seinfeld fame) on Dancing with the Stars?

Comediennes also have a place on reality television. Victoria Jackson was great on Saturday Night Live - now she's trying to lose weight on Celebrity Fit Club. Kathy Griffin has her own show on Bravo titled, interestingly enough, My Life on the D List.

Reality television is even going so far to have the children of rich and famous people star in their shows. E! has a show called Filthy Rich Cattle Drive, where the children of the rich and famous have to rough it on a ranch.

I don't know about you, but my favorite reality shows are ones where the stars are real people. I think it's great to see someone considered a regular person (or average) succeed with a record contract or with a large cash prize. It's sometimes hard to route for the rich and famous - I'd rather see the poor and unknown person succeed on reality tv.

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Do we really NEED celebrities???

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Years ago, when movies & TV came about, local talent that performed for the community lost out everywhere, replaced by "celebrities" on the screen & "tube"....a lot of talent was wasted! There are some local theatre groups, but many don't have a venue for their talents, and end up in misery with jobs they hate just to earn \$money\$. No wonder there are so many unhappy people across each country that has mass entertainment. We need to encourage local programming everywhere, and give a spot for people to blossom their talents; and, do away with the "star system" that pays obscene salaries & attention to just a few [sports "celebrities", too] who now consider themselves "gods & goddesses" [with copy-cat attitudes infesting many everywhere], who think they are above the law (Winona Ryder) and the rest of us & act like it!!! Help to free mankind from inequality!

[by Doug Doolittle]: In his book, Errol Flynn wrote that "celebrities are manifestations of mass hysteria; all I know is, this is a different world than it was before the cinema; idealists do more for society than movie stars as public figures, who are national folklore on the screen but not in real life". Celebrities create inequality !

[By Captain Kirk]: "Inequality" has been around a long time, unfortunately in the place it should never have been a part of, the USA [one thing that has kept the USA from achieving its' true potential]; celebrities {"stars"—sports, movies, TV or otherwise} reinforce inequality today!

[By Dale C]

I don't think we need celebrities...after 9–11 Larry King and all the other tv talk show host said the real celebrities should be the police and firemen and they stopped interviewing celebrities for a while but that changed real quick, don't know why...must have been "orders from headquarters" read Dubya and co...

[By Keeper of the Flame]: Do we really NEED celebrities?? NO!!! This world system destroys equal opportunity for everyone! ALL must be equal, for humanity to work right; not just a favored, pampered few [who mostly abuse their position and act like they are inherently superior, forgetting where they came from]!!!

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