



DAMAGES Fifth and Final Season Heads Toward an Explosive Showdown This Summer

DAMAGES, featuring Glenn Close, Rose Byrne, Ryan Phillippe, Jenna Elfman, Janet McTeer and John Hannah, to Premiere July 11 exclusively on DIRECTV's Audience Network

EL SEGUNDO, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **DIRECTV's Audience Network**

(<http://www.directv.com/DTVAPP/content/premiums/audience>) heats up this summer with the season five premiere of the Emmy and Golden Globe Award-winning, critically acclaimed legal thriller, **DAMAGES, starring Emmy Award-winner Glenn Close and Emmy Award-nominee Rose Byrne, on Wednesday, July 11 at 9 p.m.** The fifth and final season of the series, which has been nominated for nineteen Emmy Awards, centers on the timely and controversial subject of government and corporate transparency, focusing on how the ever-changing digital landscape shapes the way in which information is obtained and shared. *DAMAGES* is produced by Sony Pictures Television in association with FX Productions and KZK Productions.

In true *DAMAGES* fashion, the season features a stellar array of stars including **Ryan Phillippe**, who joins the cast as a series regular. Emmy Award-nominee **Jenna Elfman**, Academy Award-nominee **Janet McTeer**, **John Hannah**, **Chris Messina**, **Judd Hirsch**, **M. Emmett Walsh**, **Victor Garber**, **William Sadler**, **Gbenga Akinnagbe**, **Gillian Alexy** and **Zachary Booth** will be featured throughout the season. *DAMAGES* was created and executive produced by **KZK (Todd A. Kessler, Daniel Zelman and Glenn Kessler)** and co-executive produced by **Mark A. Baker**.

DAMAGES (<http://www.directv.com/DTVAPP/content/damages>) follows the lives of Patty Hewes (**Glenn Close**), the nation's most revered and reviled high-stakes litigator and her former protégé, the bright and ambitious Ellen Parsons (**Rose Byrne**). After four seasons of professional and personal manipulation and deceit, season five sets the stage for the final showdown between Patty and Ellen. Channing McClaren (**Ryan Phillippe**) is a computer expert and the iconoclastic founder of a website, McClarenTruth.org, devoted to government and corporate transparency. When McClaren is approached by Naomi Walling (**Jenna Elfman**), an investment bank employee troubled by her company's conduct with insider information, it lays the foundation for the case that will finally pit Patty and Ellen against one another. In an attempt to triumph over her former mentor, Ellen hires Kate Franklin (**Janet McTeer**), a one time colleague of Patty's who is all too familiar with how she operates, but whose loyalty could be called into question. Adding to the turmoil surrounding the case is Rutger Simon (**John Hannah**), the chief lieutenant and gatekeeper for McClaren. As the series builds to its electrifying conclusion, far more than the verdict is at stake for everyone involved.

Since its premiere in 2007, *DAMAGES* has received a total of nineteen Emmy Award nominations. In its first season, the series was nominated for an Emmy for Best Drama series and Glenn Close won the Emmy for Lead Actress in a Drama Series, an award she has won twice for her role as Patty Hewes. In addition to *DAMAGES*' multiple Emmy Award nominations for Outstanding Series, Acting, and Casting, the show has also received Emmy Award nominations for Outstanding Writing and Outstanding Direction.

DAMAGES has been nominated for seven Golden Globe Awards. In its first season, the series earned more Golden Globes nominations than any other show on television, with Glenn Close winning for Best Actress in a TV Series — Drama.

In addition to a variety of other wins and nominations, *DAMAGES* has been nominated for awards from the Writers Guild and the Producers Guild.

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