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USPA NEWS - Shahid VIP (Part of MBC GROUP) “ the premium, subscription-based service of Shahid, the world’s leading Arabic streaming platform “ announces the full line up of its premium programming for the upcoming special season of Ramadan 2021. For the very first time, more than 40 NEW Arabic titles will be shown on a single platform during the holy month “ all of which can be viewed without ad breaks. With something for every member of the family, viewers can expect genres from drama to comedy; historical to suspense-thrillers; cookery to TV competitions, as well as travel and adventure shows, social programmes, and of course, animations for the little ones. Shahid VIP is offering the biggest selection of content from all corners of the MENA, bringing diverse storytelling to audiences “ no matter where they are

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BRINGING THE GLITZ & GLAMOUR TO SHAHID VIP: “ARAB WORLD’S BIGGEST NAMES IN ENTERTAINMENT

“ From the Gulf: Titles featuring Nasser Al-Qasabi, Hayat Al-Fahd, Huda Hussein, Elham Alfadalah, Abdullah Al Sadhan, Rashid Al-Shamrani, Habib Al-Habib, Fayez Al-Maliki, Elham Al-Ali, Reemas Mansour, Mishary Al-Balam, Bashar Al-Shatti, Reem Arhamah, Reem Abdullah, Muhammad Al-Hajji, and more.-----

“ From Egypt: Titles featuring Yehia El-Fakharany, Yusra, Mohamed Ramadan, Ahmed El Sakka, Amir Karara, Ahmed Mekky, Yasser Galal, Summaya Al-Khashab, Mona Zaki, Nelly Karim, Hani Salama, Ghada Abdel Razek, Sawsan Badr, Nour, Mohamed Emam, Karim Abdel Aziz, Yasmine Abdel Aziz, Donia Samir Ghanem, Ahmed Ezz, Hisham Selim, Hend Sabri, Youssef El Sherif, Mostafa Shaban, Amr Saad, Yasmine Rais, Rania Youssef, Amina Khalil, Ali Rabie, Engy Abou Al-Saud, Khaled El Sawy, Nabil Al-Halafawi, Ahmed Fahmy, and more.

“ From the Levant: Titles featuring Bassam Kousa, Salloum Haddad, Abbas Al-Nouri, Caresse Bashar, Sulafa Maimar, Nadine Nassib Njeim, Qusai Khouli, Maguy Bou Ghosn, Daniela Rahma, and more.

“ From the Maghreb: Hamad Khayi, Saadia Deeb, Omar Lotfi, Ameen Al-Naji, Aziz Dadas, Sahar Al-Siddiqi and more.

RAMADAN 2021: FULL LINE-UP ON SHAHID VIP----- FROM THE GCC

Mamna Al-Tajawol “ One of Saudi’s top comedy stars, Nasser Al-Qasabi returns this Ramadan with a brand-new show highlighting how communities had to adapt to the exceptional circumstances that arose due to the coronavirus pandemic. “ Starring: Nasser Al-Qasabi, Rashid Al-Shamrani, Habib Al-Habib, Fayez Al-Maliki, Ilham Al-Ali, Aseel Omran, Abdul Majeed Al-Rahidi, Ali Al-Hamidi, Khaled Al-Farraj-----

Margaret “ Is she a strict and arrogant European aristocrat? Or is she misunderstood and just an affectionate mother in touch with her Arab roots? Hayat Al-Fahd plays the title role, Margaret, who marries and returns home with her husband after spending all her life with her mother in London. The only drawback is that she holds some unconventional habits. In fact, some accuse her of being a fortune teller and a witch, while others see her as a clever clairvoyant. “ Starring: Hayat Al-Fahd, Hassan Al-Balam, Heba Al Dori, Bashar Al-Shatti, Hamad Al-Omani, Layali Dohrab, Noor, Reem Arhama, Nour Al Sheikh

Al-Najia Al-Wahida “ A devastating fire takes the lives of all its survivors “ with the exception of one lone survivor. This drama explores

how the woman survived. Was it by pure chance? But why has she suddenly lost her memory? Were these fires a result of specific causes, or were they the cause of other dire events?""Starring: Hoda Hussein, Jamal Alradhan, Muhammad Al-Alawi, Lamia Tareq, Shehab Hajja, Fatima Al Tabkh, Salwa Al-Jarash, Aws Al Shatti-----

Amina Haf""After the death of her unjust and miserly husband, Amina decides to start afresh "" transforming from an oppressed woman to one who is strong and powerful, supported by an unauthorised fortune she inherited from her deceased husband. How will her new life, which she begins with a polygamous marriage, transpire?""Starring: Elham Al Fadalah, Shihab Jawhar, Taif, Fahd Bassem, Layali Dehrab-----

Studio 21""Set in the studios and offices of a collapsing and nearly bankrupt satellite TV channel, its owner is determined to continue running the business despite the devastating losses. With many comedic situations happening in the office, will the channel be quick to reach its downfall, or is there a chance it could be saved?""Starring: Ali Al-Hamidi, Khaled Al-Farrag, Khaled Al-Mudhaffar, Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, Majed Al Mutreb, Reemas Mansour, Taghrid Al-Howeish, Al-Anoud

Shlewy Nash""Set in the 1970s, this comedy drama tells the story of two broke friends, Shlewy and Nash. One is a school guard, while the other is a truck driver "" is there something that could turn their lives to the better?""Starring: Abdullah Al-Sadhan, Yaqoub Abdullah, Muhammad Al-Ajmi, Latifa Al-Muqrin, Abdul-Imam Abdullah Al-Mirath (Inheritance)""The popular Saudi soap opera series "" which has now completed over 250 episodes "" tackles the daily realities of life in the Kingdom, exploring its social, economic and cultural aspects.""Starring: Reem Abdullah, Muhammad Al-Hajji, Shaima Al-Fadl, Rana Al-Shafei, Rima Al-Guthmi, Muhannad Bin Hathail

FROM EGYPT-----

Molook Al-Gada'ana""Delving into the competitive world of trading and manufacturing, two friends embark on a special journey"| Will rivalries come in their way and ruin their friendship?""Starring: Mostafa Shaaban, Amro Saad, Yasmine Rais, Rania Youssef-----

Lahm Al-Ghazal""This drama focuses on the events and stories of a small Egyptian community.""Starring: Ghada Abdel Razek, Wafaa Amer, Sherif Ramzy, Sherif Salama, Mohamed Shaheen-----

Khaley Balak Men Zizi""Amina Khalil plays the lead character, a young woman who has the inability to control her anger.""Starring: Amina Khalil, Mohamed Mamdouh, Ali Qassem, Salwa Mohamed Ali, Safaa Al-Toukhy

Moussa""Its WWII, and during a critical period in Egypt, Moussa dreams of success and wealth. But things turn complicated after he takes revenge on the individual who caused the death of his brother. Moussa is soon on the run, and is forced to escape to the mountains"| Will he be able to seek justice, or will he bring his family down with his misfortune.""Starring: Mohamed Ramadan, Summaya Al-Khashab, Munther Rayahneh, Heba Magdy, Sayed Ragab, Sabri Fawaz, Riad Al-Khouli-----

Ded El Kasr""A popular food blogger finds herself embroiled in a complicated situation after she witnesses an attempted murder. Matters get worse when the police try to solve the mystery surrounding the attack, and she finds herself more involved.""Starring: Nelly Karim, Mohamed Farrag, Mostafa Darwish, Liqaa Al-Khamisi, Tara Emad, Menna Adel, Nour Ehab

Qasr Al-Nil""Hidden conflicts around money, power, politics and love take place in 1950s and 1960s Egypt. The events of "Qasr Al-Nil" begin with the death of self-made businessman Fahmi Al-Sioufi in the United Kingdom, leaving his sons, brother and sister a great wealth, including a huge palace on the banks of the Nile. How will the family live after him during a critical political period led by the leaders of the revolution?""Starring: Dina El-Sherbiny, Reham Abdel Ghafour, Ahmed Magdy, Sabri Fawaz, Salah Abdullah-----

Del Ragel""Galal loves nothing more than living the quiet understated life"| things take a turn for the unexpected when his daughter faces a dangerous situation.""Starring: Yasser Galal, Nour, Mahmoud Abdel Moghni, Nermeen El-Fiqi, Rana Samaha, Ahmed Halwa, Enaam Salousa-----

Hagma Mortada""Loosely based on real events, "Hagma Mortada" tells the story of lead intelligence officer, Saif and his team and their attempt to thwart various terrorist operations that seek to divide and control the region.""Starring: Hend Sabry, Ahmed Ezz, Hisham Selim, Magda Zaki, Mahmoud Al-Bazawi, Ahmed Fouad Selim, Mohamed Gomaa, Mayan Al-Sayed, Khaled Anwar-----

Ahsan Ab""This social comedy revolves around a young conman who decides to accompany a street child and claim to be their father "" all in order to win a "Best Father" national award.""Starring: Ali Rabei, Hagar Ahmed, Sami Maghouri-----

Aalam Mowazey""A social comedy set in a make-believe city that's divided into 10 small communities. Every year, an annual assessment of the residents takes place, where they are graded according to their contribution to their community. The best people live in Community 10 "" while the naughty ones are sent to Community 1.""Starring: Donia Samir Ghanem, Amr Wahba, Shaimaa Seif, Mohamed Otaka, Dalal Abdel Aziz-----

Leibat Newton""Hana and Hazem are a loving couple, who want to improve their lives. One idea is for them to have their future child

be born on American soil (so that they gain citizenship for them). Their plan is fraught with risks, however“| will they go ahead with it?“Starring: Mona Zaki, Mohamed Al-Farrag, Mohamed Mamdouh-----

Al Ikhtiyar 2“Delving into the stories of the Egyptian security forces and their missions to thwart attacks that threaten the security of the country.“Starring: Ahmed Mekki, Karim Abdel Aziz, Iyad Nassar, Sameh Al-Suraity, Engy El Muqaddam, Asmaa Abu Al-Yazid, Bushra

COVID-25-----“It’s a scenario everyone dreads“| this series deals with hypothetical events based on the possibility of the spread of “COVID-25“[?] in the year 2025.“Starring: Youssef El Sherif, Ayten Amer, Edward. Naguib Zahy Zarkash“Naguib fulfils the wish of his dying maid and marries her. The only problem? He finds out he already has a son from her.“Starring: Yehia El-Fakharany, Anoushka, Sherine, Rana Rais, Noha Abdeen, Karim Afifi, Islam Ibrahim, Mohamed Mahmoud, Tameem Abdo, Mohamed El-Sawy, Fattouh Ahmed, Hala Fakher Al Qaherah Kabul“This drama delves into the various security issues that the region encounters.“Starring: Khaled El Sawy, Tarek Lotfy, Fathy Abdel Wahab, Nabeel Al Halafawi, Hanan Mutawa, Sameh El Sayed, Samira El Asir, Mahmoud Al-Sharqawi, Khaled Kamal, Karim Qassem

Harb Ahleya“Mariam is one of the most successful female plastic surgeons in Egypt. She goes through unexpected turns that turn her life upside down, so she tries to collect the remains in order to rebuild her life.“Starring: Yousra, Basil Khayat, Arwa Gouda, Cynthia Khalifa, Gameela Awad, Mayan El Sayed, Roushdy El Shami, Mahmoud Hegazy

Nasl Al-Aghrab“Evil has no limits, and there is only one victor. Here, Ahmed El-Sakka and Amir Karara play archrivals from Upper Egypt who have been continuously battling bloody for nearly 20 years.“Starring: Ahmed El-Sakka, Amir Karara, Mai Omar, Diab, Edward, Firdoos Abdel Hamid, Naglaa Badr

Bein El Sama w El Ard“Taken from the Naguib Mahfouz novel of the same name, “Bein El Sama w El Ard“[?] sees an elevator break down in a building in Cairo, resulting in a group of people meeting for the first time as they are trapped inside. Every character comes with their own unique story.“Starring: Hany Salama, Dora, Yousra El Louzy, Sawsan Badr, Ahmed Bedir, Naglaa Badr-----

Elly Maloosh Kebeer“The bodyguard of a prominent businessman finds his job and life in jeopardy when he falls for the businessman’s beautiful wife, Ghazal.“Starring: Yasmine Abdel Aziz, Ahmed El Awady, Khaled El Sawy-----

Nimr“After an accident cost him his memory, Nimr finds himself involved in the gold industry“| but is this ruthless character his real identity?“Starring: Mohamed Emam, Hana Al Zahid, Nermeen El Feki, Mohamed Riad, Ahmed Abdullah Mahmoud, Bayoumi Fouad, Ahmed Khaled Saleh, Enas Kamel, Alaa Morsi

FROM SYRIA & LEBANON-----

2020“What would you give up for love? This is the story of 2020 that follows the story of a drug dealer who falls for an officer in the security forces. Will it work out? The odds are certainly against them.“Starring: Nadine Njeim, Qusay Khouli, Carmen Lebous, Randa Kaady,

Souk Al Hareer ““ Season 2“Starring Bassam Koussa, this drama showcases the history of trade in Damascus in the 1950s, following the withdrawal of the French and leading to the full independence of Syria. One of the major historical events of that decade was the establishment of the Damascus International Fair, famously described as the “Syrian economy’s window to the world“[?], and now known as one of the oldest fairs in the Middle East. The critically-acclaimed series returns for Season 2.“Starring: Bassam Koussa, Salloum Haddad, Karis Bashar, Fadi Subaih, Qamar Khalaf, Nadine Tahsin Bey, Milad Youssef, Wafa Moussalli, Ramez Al Aswad, Rayam Kafarneh Lel Moot“Sahar and Reem, two Lebanese girls who suffered a tragic childhood, are brought together under the roof of an orphanage. They pledge to never separate“| only death can part them.“Starring: Maggie Bou Ghosn, Daniella Rahma, Mohamed Al-Ahmed, Bassem Mughniyeh, Khaled Al-Qish, Sabah Al-Jazaery

FROM IRAQ-----

Um Badeela“Meet the Al-Warqi family ““ they’re extremely wealthy, and love nothing more than adhering to their customs and traditions. In fact, protecting the family’s wealth and reputation is of the utmost importance. When it becomes clear that the cousin and wife of the family’s sole heir is suffering from reproductive health issues, the head of the family decides to find another wife for her son. What are the consequences of this marriage? Can love be born out of selfish interests?“-----Starring: Iliskandar Alam, Leah Abu Shaya, Marwa Karam, Hind Kamel, Adel Othman, Zuhur Alaa, Jumana Karim, Zaid Al-Malak, Asaad Rashdan, Rania Matar, Jean Dakache, Elie Mitri-----

Teeba““A young woman from a poor family collides with a different reality when she starts university. There, she falls in love with a young man from a wealthy family. The only problem is“| she told a white lie that threatens to change her life and the lives of those around her.“Starring: Hind Nizar, Tamim Al-Tamimi, Aswar Ezzat, Saba Ibrahim, Muhammad Hashim, Asia Kamal, Riad Shahid, Suheir Salah, Zulfikar Khidr, Ahmed Munadil, Reda Tarish, Reham Al-Bayati, Diaa Al-Din Sami, Bidaa Al-Mu’tasim, Hussein Aja

FROM THE MAGHREB-----

Salamat Abou Al-Banat““A second season of the popular series that tackles controversial issues in Maghreb society. ““Starring: Mohamed Khouyi, Isiada Ledeeb, Omar Lotfy Welad El Marsa““Family conflicts and interpersonal relationships are explored within this drama set in a well-known marina. Who knew there was so much drama on the high seas?““Starring: Ameen Al-Naji, Aziz Dadas, Sahar Al-Siddiqi

FOR THE LITTLE ONES ““ KID-FRIENDLY CONTENT-----

Tota Toota (A Shahid Original)““Who better than Dania El Shafei to take on the task of telling a nightly bedtime story? In this 30-episode series, Dania chooses the best children’s stories from the Arab world that promise a good night’s sleep!

Qandeel Al Hekayat 2““An educational series that presents stories of Arab heritage and culture of different eras, through the prism of Arab personalities who have been credited with influencing Arab history, along with events of the Arab Renaissance. Sohbat Al Ayat““The Holy Quran is full of stories about previous nations, people, and their values. This series aims to simplify these stories for a younger audience.-----

Al Rehla““This educational series narrates the adventures of Basel, his sister Marmar, and their friends Malik and the parrot Zainan. The friends find themselves going on an adventure on an island, where they meet a kind family who helps them return to their homeland. During their journey back, the friends learn about the meanings of good and bad actions, and other values. Hakaza Kan El Nabi““Another educational series, this time teaching a younger audience about the life of the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH). Sareq Al-Lajm““A man needs to go to the mosque to pray so entrusts a person outside with his horse. When the man returns, the horse is without a harness or saddle! Just where did they go?

Tariq ibn Ziyad““The series revolves around the events of the young historical figure.

OTHER PROGRAMMES-----

Meen Al Chef?““This new cooking show sees chef Adnan Yamani host two husband and wife couple compete against each other. Each duo has two tasks: The first is the wife’s responsibility, which is to memorize all the ingredients and instructions from Chef Adnan and then retell them to her husband correctly. The second task falls on the husband, who has to follow his wife’s instructions to complete a dish in just 30 minutes. Rahala““Full of adventure, suspense and comedy, host Engy Abou El Saud is accompanied by some of the Arab world’s most prominent stars to explore Egypt’s most fascinating and controversial places““ unveiling the myths that have been woven around these mysterious locations. Sen““He’s known for titles including “Khawatir““[?], “Gamrah““[?], “Ihsan Min Al Madinah,““[?] “Ihsan Min Al Haram““[?]“; This year, Saudi media personality and bestselling author, Ahmad Al Shugairi explores the heart and mind in “Sen““[?], which sheds light on the aspects of development and modernisation that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is undergoing in various sectors.-----

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