

To Whom It May Concern:

I, along with millions of fans worldwide, want to see *Battlestar Galactica* return with the ORIGINAL CAST AND THEMES. The show originally aired from 1978-1980. It's not only fans who want this! Richard Hatch—the original Captain Apollo—has been working for the past few years on having a new *Battlestar Galactica* TV series or movie project put into production. Hatch's vision is to ignore the events in the television series *Galactica 1980* and continue the *original* story line 20 years after the original show left off with the original cast, new faces, and even deadlier Cylons. He has raised over \$60 million in commitments and reunited the original cast to reprise their roles. Hatch has even produced a trailer for his proposed *Battlestar Galactica* project, and the reaction by the fans and the media so far has been fantastic.

Since 1996, there has been an increasingly renewed interest in the Sci-Fi genre in the motion picture box office, due in part by the releases of *Independence Day* and *Star Trek: First Contact* (1996), 5th Element, Contact, Men in Black, and all three Star Wars special editions (1997), Deep Impact, The X-Files Movie, Armageddon, and Star Trek: Insurrection (1998), The Matrix and Star Wars: The Phantom Menace (1999), and the several big budget Sci-Fi films scheduled this year (Pitch Black, Mission to Mars, Red Planet, Titan: AE, and Battlefield Earth). Battlestar Galactica is poised to ride this renewed wave of Sci-Fi movies not to mention filling the void left by the floundering Star Trek universe and the three-year wait for the next Star Wars episode.

Also, since 1996, there are many indications that people are interested in *Battlestar Galactica* and related merchandise. Here are a few examples:

- Release (by MCA) of most of the original episodes on home video
- Release of the original movie on DVD.
- Line of action figures and toys by Trendmasters.
- Comic book series by Realm Press.
- Trading card set by Dart Flipcards, among many others.
- Twenty-year gala birthday celebration of *Battlestar Galactica* in 1998.
- Numerous appearances of original cast members celebrating the show (GoMainLine, DragonCon, etc.)

Sadly, there are two "hitches" in going forth with this project: Universal Studio's indecision to give Richard Hatch the theatrical rights to produce a movie and StudioUSA's indecision to give him the TV rights to produce a possible TV movie or series. I am appealing to you to please consider Mr. Hatch's project and support his efforts. This project is also the only one acceptable to fans. As TV Guide's January 15, 2000 Cheers and Jeers column said concerning this very issue, "Larson, Hatch and executives at Universal Studios ought to sit down and figure this one out. As another captain used to say, make it so".

Thank you.

For more information on the Battlestar Galactica Revival effort please go to...

Richard Hatch's Site:

http://www.richardhatch.com

BattlestarGalactica.com:

http://www.battlestargalactica.com

BattlestarPegasus.com:

http://www.battlestarpegasus.com

Battlestar Galactica Resurrection:

http://bgresurrection.homepage.com

Battlestar Callisto Revival Information:

http://www.dls.net/~rick/callisto

The Battlestar Galactica Fan Club:

http://www.battlestarfanclub.com