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## Final Shows May 23-24

Posted by SOFANEAST - 2006/05/10 09:28

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Last two days of the season.

Iyanla says write letters to NBC Universal with our requests, we have a voice.

May 23

Iyanla worries that Niambi is depressed because she is not graduating; Christie donates her hair to the Locks of Love; Jill asks her mother to be supportive of her newfound relationship with her father; Christie graduates.

May 24

Christie runs the 5K race and is awarded her medal; women from past seasons return to share what their experiences in the house did for them; Iyanla tells Niambi to come back next season.

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## Re:Final Shows May 23-24

Posted by KPW1956 - 2006/05/10 10:08

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Well looks like Niambi could be in limbo.... Hopefully that means at least some hope for her on a future show... Iyanla is definitely not coming back... and she confirmed that on her chat last week.

I do hope Rhonda and Dr. Stan are able to collaborate and figure out something else if SO in itself isn't returning... and Bunim Murray probably owns the rights to the show... Even if it is a spinoff of a show that Rhonda developed in England originally. (Read that somewhere!)

So what happened with Antonia??? No graduations for Christie and Antonia? I am sure the preview can't pile everything in... and hopefully they do..

I'm feeling like squish, squish, squish... and everything is getting very compact.

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## Re:Final Shows May 23-24

Posted by SOFANEAST - 2006/05/10 11:50

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Antonia does graduate:

"May 22

Christie gets her body painted; Antonia gets a makeover and eyebrow waxing for her graduation; Jill's father asks for her forgiveness. "

I am going to miss Starting Over.

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## Re:Final Shows May 23-24

Posted by KPW1956 - 2006/05/10 11:58

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Thanks for the refresher... I didn't double check the prior weeks previews. I remember keying in on Jill's dad's obvious arrival.

This chapter unfolding for Jill may have a positive impact on Antonia and Niambi... Hopefully anyway...

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## Re:Final Shows May 23-24

Posted by dehartzog - 2006/05/10 13:15

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I am just devastated that the show is being cancelled, or may be cancelled. I only discovered it a few months ago and it has helped me so much! I am in transition, with the breakup of my marriage and I can relate in so many ways with the

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struggles that the housemates have. I hope Dr. Stan, Rhonda and Iyanla realize just how many women they have helped.

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**Re:Final Shows May 23-24**

Posted by Mercredi - 2006/05/10 13:27

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Oh, man! I'll miss watching the show at noon everyday. Oh well!

I knew Niambi would not graduate. I'm sure she's still working with Iyanla after SO.

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**Re:Final Shows May 23-24**

Posted by patacake - 2006/05/10 13:50

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It's very harsh world for addicts... even those addicted to love. Niambi "can't see the forest for the trees.");)

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**Re:Final Shows May 23-24**

Posted by valtina - 2006/05/10 14:01

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I knew Niambi would not graduate.

I didn't think she would either, Mercredi, because her resistance and defensiveness are so overwhelming. She's another one whose psychological problems may be too deep for a show like SO - and especially with the limited time she had on the show prior to its last episode.

On the other hand, graduating someone like Antonia doesn't mean she's actually ready, either. I don't believe someone with such an ingrained sense of entitlement and lack of integrity concerning her commitments could possibly come out of that mindset in such a short period of time.

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**Re:Final Shows May 23-24**

Posted by kryssee - 2006/05/10 18:46

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At least they gave us a thread of hope when they ask Niambi to come back next season. And, more important, they didn't rush her out of the house because of the ending of the season. I think there's some past grads that were the victims of this timing...Megg?

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**Re:Final Shows May 23-24**

Posted by SOFANEAST - 2006/05/10 19:48

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**Re:Final Shows May 23-24**

Posted by valtina - 2006/05/10 19:53

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So true! It's sometimes easy to forget that, for those HGs that do seem to find some real "closure" (Jessica comes to mind for me), and also, because of the sometimes elaborate graduations and effusive speeches that suggest the end of the process - rather than the beginning, as it really is for most of the women.

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## Re:Final Shows May 23-24

Posted by Parker - 2006/05/10 22:04

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I hate to say this, but, if Iyanla is not coming back, then I probably will not watch if it is renewed. It is her wisdom and insights that have kept me watching and helped me the most.

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Posted by valtina - 2006/05/10 22:18

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I thought the same thing! It almost felt like an audition of some sort. I do not remember the woman's name either, but I kind of feel like even though no one could ever replace Iyanla, this lady would make a good substitute if Iyanla does not want to come back. I cannot believe this season is ending so fast, I feel sorry for Niambi, not getting a Graduation and all, but I guess we will actually have to see the episodes before passing any judgments.

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Posted by valtina - 2006/05/10 22:30

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Posted by Sweatervest - 2006/05/11 01:03

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No, not just you. I think it was the exercise that made it seem like an audition. It was like they were seeing what she was capable of. I wish we could remember her name...

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I think with Niambi's not Graduating, and Bethany's promise to come back when she's ready seem to be indicating that a fourth season was planned. I hope we will actually get to see it. It would really be sad if Niambi spent all this time in the house and never got to Graduate. And Bethany might really need the help. I know I would want to be in the Starting Over House. Of course, I can't...I'm a guy!

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### Re:Final Shows May 23-24

Posted by stagedtosell - 2006/05/11 01:45

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Michelle:

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### Re:Final Shows May 23-24

Posted by Debra Brand - 2006/05/11 04:47

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No no you are not alone. I would like to know where to pick info on Iyanla, she is fierce!

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### Re:Final Shows May 23-24

Posted by KPW1956 - 2006/05/11 08:32

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Michelle:

You'll have to join another site to have access to the transcript. Many here are dual members of multiple sites.

I was told by one of the mods here that they aren't in competition with the WCW site. That is [womencomfortwomen.com](http://womencomfortwomen.com)...

I think the chat was last Thursday night. Iyanla at least confirmed that she wasn't coming back although it had been mentioned on the net in the fall sometime.

She did say she had only learned recently that there was a question about whether or not the show was coming back for another season. She encouraged fans to 'Shout to the Universe' and write and call the NBC studios. She mentioned which one specifically and I think it had Universal in it... But anyway.. she urged people to make their voices heard. If there is an interest in it in the general public then someone will want to jump on the gravy train. Especially in that it is a syndicated show and could be sold to alot of different markets and cable networks.

I know there are alot of us in a similar age bracket and this show fills a void that is sorely lacking in daytime television. There is only 1 show like starting over... How many soap operas are there? How many talk shows? How many game shows? How many court shows? (although I do enjoy those!)

There was a comment on another thread or site saying something about Dr. Stan and Rhonda were trying to collaborate on something. So maybe there is hope yet. I do think the show and the screening process to get on need to be revamped to weed out especially emotional issues and those whose motives are insincere. Kim and Lisa 1 come to mind on both those issues. I'm still on the fence about whether or not Antonia's motives are sincere or not. Especially

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since she originally was trying out for the Real World Reality Show. She inadvertently got what she wanted!

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Posted by Rennie Ellen - 2006/05/11 08:39

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Posted by turtle - 2006/05/12 17:21

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### Re:Final Shows May 23-24

Posted by valtina - 2006/05/12 17:43

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Or letting Andy Paige loose in a room full of eyebrows!

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Posted by SOFANEAST - 2006/05/12 18:25

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Posted by note2baby - 2006/05/17 16:16

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Parker.... yes I feel the same about Iyanla. She is the best. I loved what she said today, speaking to Antonia, about what a smart, blah blah blan woman she saw in her, and then you open your mouth. And I see a spoiled 14 year old. Geeeeze she does call them like she sees them.  
While I saw some of season 1, Iyanla is the one who got me hooked.  
I sure will miss her.:(

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## Re:Final Shows May 23-24

Posted by Nshvljenn - 2006/05/17 16:57

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I don't think I will watch without Iyanla either. She has been SOOO powerful to me and I will miss her wisdom sooo much. She is a wonderful woman and my hero. The show will not be the same. Also, Lisa Nichols co-authored "chicken soup for the african american soul".

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Niambi actually admitted, the next day, that christie didn't have anything to do with it. And, even if Christie had anything to do with it or not, a restaurant wasn't the appropriate place to start, and drag out, an argument. If Niambi wanted a drink with her meal, she should've asked Christie if she'd mind. That would've been the grown ass thing to do. As for painting the room, Christie did offer to help. But, Antonia acted as if she didn't really want her help. And, everyone did promise to help. After they came back from the restaurant. But, if Antonia hadn't taken all those stupid naps, and waited until the last minute, the primer coat could've been done before they went out. The first color coat done when they came back. And, another coat done the next morning if it was needed.

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## Re:Final Shows May 23-24

Posted by note2baby - 2006/05/19 14:40

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Yes it is to bad IV was only available for the 2 seasons of the show. Can you imagine being booked that far ahead of time???

I will follow her books from now on. She is a great lady, kind of reminds me some of Maya Angalou.

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## Re:Final Shows May 23-24

Posted by Katnana - 2006/05/20 00:36

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I felt the same way about Lisa Nichols and I thought they were actually trying her out during her exercise with Niambi. I really liked her. She was smart, insightful and had a soft manner.

If, as my local station told me, the show is ending because the producers themselves don't want to make it any more because it never generated enough revenue, then it's not going to be a matter of what station it's on. I think it would take a spin-off or copycat show to keep it going, and by a different production company - or I guess a better deal with the existing production company.

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## Re:Final Shows May 23-24

Posted by Katnana - 2006/05/22 18:42

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That is just plain sad. They never promoted enough to get the audience they needed. I came across it by accident one day on TLC. I had no idea there was even a show called Starting Over. I wish Dr. Stan and Rhonda could find the backing for another show with a little better premise. I loved the couples. New Beginnings would be a great name. I am thinking of submitting an idea I have for such a show. It's in the brain, not on paper yet.:unsure:

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## Re:Final Shows May 23-24

Posted by kari0722 - 2006/05/23 14:37

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I too am going to be very disappointed if the show is cancelled. I just love the show! The show has given me lots of pointers too. I even take notes.

There are soooo many people who can benefit from watching Starting Over. The life coaches are just absolutely wonderful!! I love them all. I even miss one of the first life coaches, I think her name was Randa.? I'm not sure if that's the right name. Please Please if there's anyway we can get this show to continue, Someone Please let us know.

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Posted by CHANCE - 2006/05/23 15:47

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I agree. I never saw SO promoted and also discovered it quite by accident. Even then, it took a few inadvertent viewings to really take notice. if it had been promoted and the overall premise been advertised, along with some of the women's stories, I would have tuned in earlier and consistently. I think that kind of promotion would have generated a lot more viewers. It's a Catch-22, in that without a lot of viewers, advertisers don't buy as much time or the show doesn't generate high advertising dollars, and then the less advertising there is, the fewer the viewers who know about the show. I wish there had been more of an investment in the show, to build out the viewership and revenue and keep the show going.

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