

TV Week

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Features

"The Exorcist"

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Premiere

"The Exorcist," the Academy Award-winning motion picture, and one of the biggest box office hits ever, and its sequel, "Exorcist II: The Heretic" will be presented for the first time on network television as special movie presentations on Tuesday, February 12 at 8:30 p.m. and Wednesday, February 13 at 9 p.m., respectively, on WBTV, Channel 3.

"The Exorcist," starring Ellen Burstyn, Max von Sydow, Lee J. Cobb, Kitty Winn, Jack MacGowan, Jason Miller and Linda Blair, earned an Academy Award for producer and screenwriter William Peter Blatty, who was honored for his script, which he based on his own best-selling novel. The motion picture was nominated for an additional eight Academy Awards, including best picture, best actress, best supporting actor and best supporting actress.

"Exorcist II: The Heretic" stars Linda Blair, Richard Burton, Louise Fletcher, Max von Sydow, Kitty Winn, Paul Henreid, James Earl Jones and Ned Beatty.

"The Exorcist" is the story of Regan (Linda Blair), a young girl stricken by a mysterious affliction. Her worried mother (Ellen Burstyn) seeks medical and psychiatric help, but the experts can find no rational explanation for the increasingly bizarre turn of events. As a last resort, two priests, the aged Father Merrin (Max von Sydow), and a skeptical young psychiatrist, Father Karras (Jason Miller), approach the case; as possible instance of demonic possession.

What follows is a titanic life-and-death struggle between the forces of good and evil for the possession of the young girl's mind, body and soul.

"Exorcist II: The Heretic" picks up the story four years later. Regan, played again by Linda Blair, is now a teen-ager, seemingly normal although she is troubled by nightmares.

Paul Henreid stars as a Cardinal who tells Father Lamont (Richard Burton) to investigate the death of Father Merrin, who was a tragic victim of Regan's exorcism.

Father Lamont calls upon child psychologist Dr. Tuskin (Louise Fletcher) for her help and the pair learn the worst—the evil spirit Pazuzu still lurks within Regan.



The eyes and television sets of the world will be focused on the little town of Lake Placid, N.Y., Feb. 12-24, when the XIII Winter Olympic Games come to town. In 51 hours of coverage, ABC Sports will showcase the competition, drama and ceremony, which are so much a part of this prestigious athletic event.