

Jackson family reunites for NBC special; will La Toya show? Maybe



The Jackson family get interviewed by Phil Donohue on first TV talk show appearance in 1976. Left to right: Rebbie, Janet La Toya, Tito, Michael, Jackie, Randy and Marlon.

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NEW YORK - Go Jackie and Janet, Jermaine and Joe. On Randy and Rebbie and Tito. And don't forget Michael.

The Jackson family will reunite on television for a two-hour NBC special to be broadcast around the world Jan. 10. It will be the first time in 19 years that the singing family will perform together on TV.

Aretha Franklin, Smokey Robinson, Dionne Warwick, Reba McEntire, Boyz II Men and Lou Gossett Jr. will salute the clan.

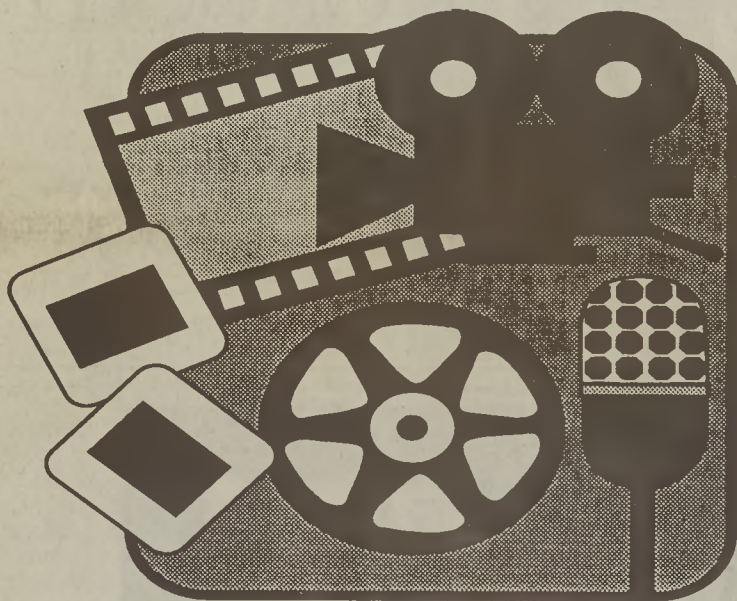
The show will be taped Dec. 11 in Atlantic City, N.J. La Toya Jackson was invited to participate in the special, but organizers hadn't heard back from her.

"Our family will also present Elizabeth Taylor and Berry Gordy with Life Time

Achievement Awards, honoring old friends for their important global contributions," Jermaine Jackson, one of the executive producers, said Thursday. Gordy is the founder of Motown Records, which made many classic soul music recordings.

Some of the proceeds from ticket sales to the show, the "Jackson Family Honors," will be given to charity.

'Nightmare' Hits No. 1



By John Horn ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES - Despite higher ticket prices, audiences have flocked to movie houses this year, and domestic theaters propelled by hits such as "Jurassic Park" and "The Fugitive" are on pace to set a new record with a \$5.3 billion gross.

Theaters took in \$350 million in October, setting a record for the fifth consecutive month. Audiences were drawn by the Sylvester Stallone action film "Demolition Man," the story about the Jamaican bobsled team "Cool Runnings" and the continued success of "The Fugitive."

The year-to-date total is \$4.25 billion, way ahead of 1992's pace of \$3.73 billion, according to figures released Monday.

In October 1993, North American theaters sold 67.9 million tickets, vs. 56 million for October 1992. It was the best October ticket sale mark since 1987, when 68.4 million admissions were sold. Because of lower ticket prices, theaters took in less that year.

Directed by Carl Reiner and spoofing the sexual thriller genre, "Fatal Instinct" grossed just \$3.5 million in its premiere, finishing sixth.

Finishing first was "Tim Burton's the Nightmare Before Christmas," which made a strong \$8.2 million in its third week of release. In second was "The Beverly Hillbillies" on a gross of \$4.9 million.

"Demolition Man" was third with \$4.2 million and "Cool Runnings" was fourth with \$3.7 million. The football drama "Rudy" starring Sean Astin took in \$3.6 mil-

lion for fifth.

"Fatal Instinct" was sixth and "Malice" made \$2.9 million for seventh. Novelist Amy Tan's "The Joy Luck Club" earned \$2 million for eighth and Martin Scorsese's literary film "The Age of Innocence" was ninth with \$1.5 million. The crime drama "Judgment Night" starring Emilio Estevez made \$1.4 million for 10th.

1. "Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas" Disney, \$8.2 million, 1,654 locations, \$4,965 per location, \$16.5 million, three weeks.

2. "The Beverly Hillbillies," 20th Century Fox, \$4.9 million, 2,148 locations, \$2,292 per location, \$25.4 million, three weeks.

3. "Demolition Man," Warner Bros., \$4.2 million, 2,141 locations, \$1,963 per location, \$45.6 million, four weeks.

4. "Cool Runnings," Disney, \$3.7 million, 1,832 locations, \$2,017 per location, \$38.2 million, five weeks.

5. "Rudy" TriStar, \$3.6 million, 1,465 locations, \$2,460 per location, \$11.2 million, three weeks.

6. "Fatal Instinct," MGM, \$3.5 million, 1,885 locations, \$1,868 per location, \$3.5 million, one week.

7. "Malice," Columbia, \$2.9 million, 1,519 locations, \$1,912 per location, \$36.7 million, five weeks.

8. "The Joy Luck Club," Disney, \$2 million, 600 locations, \$3,414 per location, \$21.6 million, eight weeks.

9. "The Age of Innocence,"

Columbia, \$1.5 million, 839 locations, \$1,852 per location, \$27.2 million, seven weeks.

10. "Judgment Night," Universal, \$1.4 million, 1,350 locations, \$1,045 per location, \$10 million, three weeks.

11. "The Good Son," 20th Century Fox, \$1.2 million, 1,214 locations, \$986 per location, \$39.8 million, six weeks.

12. "The Fugitive," Warner Bros., \$1.1 million, 1,033 locations, \$1,087 per location, \$176.1 million, 13 weeks.

13. "Fearless," Warner Bros., \$1 million, 124 locations, \$8,145 per location, \$1.5 million, three weeks.

14. "Gettysburg," New Line, \$941,000, 239 locations, \$3,937 per location, \$4.8 million, four weeks.

15. "Free Willy," Warner Bros., \$534,000, 707 locations, \$752 per location, \$76.3 million, 16 weeks.

16. "Dazed and Confused," Gramercy, \$525,000, 282 locations, \$1,861 per location, \$5.2 million, six weeks.

17. "The Program," Disney, \$516,000, 754 locations, \$685 per location, \$21.2 million, six weeks.

18. "Jurassic Park," Universal, \$501,000, 470 locations, \$1,065 per location, \$329.4 million, 21 weeks.

19. "Farewell My Concubine," Miramax, \$390,000, 54 locations, \$7,223 per location, \$762,000, three weeks.

20. "Hocus Pocus," Disney, \$386,000, 548 locations, \$705 per location, \$38.7 million, three weeks.

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