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Get the Kids Ready for Great Local TV

A new award-winning children's television series produced in the Northern Territory will air on Channel 9 and Imparja's Saturday morning line-up this weekend, 23 August 2008.

The children's comedy drama tells the story of two long separated Indigenous twins, Yuma and Kyanna, who meet by accident and secretly switch places, enabling the series to contrast a Central Australian Indigenous community lifestyle with the big city life of Sydney.

Northern Territory Film Office (NTFO) Director Penelope McDonald said The Northern Territory Government, through the NTFO invested \$243,000 into the production of the 13 episode drama series, *Double Trouble*, in 2006 to provide additional employment and training in the Territory, and enhance the production of the series.

"*Double Trouble* is the first children's television series to be produced in the Northern Territory and involved many Territorians, as well as some of Australia's leading indigenous cast and crew," Ms McDonald said.

"The production features nine Territory cast members, a further 31 Territorians employed as part of the crew, and with a total budget of \$2.3 million, the series spent \$700,000 in the Territory."

Double Trouble was shot in and around Alice Springs and Sydney by CAAMA Productions and stars Arnhem Land actor Tom E. Lewis (*The Proposition* featuring Guy Pierce and *Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith*) and Alice Springs actor Aaron Pederson (*Water Rats*, *City Homocide*).

"Territorian scriptwriter Danielle Maclean has already won an Australian Writers' Guild Award for her script for episode seven of the series," Ms McDonald said.

"The series also stars Christine and Cassandra Glen as the twins, Lisa Flanagan, Myles Pollard, Lillian Crobie, Jen Apostolou, Tyrone Wallace, Letitia Bartlett, Marcella Remedio, James Fraser, Basia A'Hern and Sam Parsonson.

"The NTFO is extremely pleased to have been involved with the making of the award-winning series *Double Trouble*.

"We look forward to more drama, for both children and adults, being developed and produced in the Territory."

Double Trouble will air from 23 August 2008 at 9.30am on Channel 9 and Imparja, however due to varying time zones around Australia please check your local guide to confirm the time in your area.

Minister for Central Australia, Alison Anderson, will be present at the launch of *Double Trouble* at the Araluen Cultural Precinct in Alice Springs tomorrow.

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Image – (L-R) Twins Christine Glenn (Kyanna) and Cassandra Glenn (Yuma) on location near Alice Springs**

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