

# **USA Network and WWE® Monday Night Raw® Extend Long-Standing Partnership**

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### Three-Hour Live Programming Block to Continue Weekly on Cable's #1 Entertainment Network

NEW YORK & STAMFORD, Conn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- USA Network and WWE (NYSE: WWE) today announced a five-year extension for WWE's flagship program *Monday Night Raw*. The new agreement for the live, weekly three-hour block which commences in October 2019 continues WWE and USA's nearly three decade-long relationship. *Monday Night Raw*, the #1 show on USA Network, delivers action, drama, compelling storylines and unmatched athleticism, 52 weeks per year.

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"Monday Night Raw and USA Network have dominated Monday nights during a truly historic run," says Chris McCumber, President, Entertainment Networks for NBCUniversal Cable Entertainment. "Our partnership with WWE is one of the strongest and most successful in the business, and together we'll take Raw to even greater heights."

"We look forward to continuing our long-standing partnership with NBCUniversal and USA Network," said Vince McMahon, WWE Chairman & CEO. "Monday Night Raw has been synonymous with USA Network and we are excited about what the future holds for WWE's flagship program."

On the air for 25 years and more than 1,300 episodes, *Monday Night Raw* is the longest-running weekly episodic television show in U.S. primetime history and consistently a ratings juggernaut. Among the most-watched, regularly scheduled programs on primetime cable, *Raw* delivers more viewers in the U.S. than all sports other than the NFL. On USA Network, the weekly block is currently averaging 1.7M P18-49, 1.7M P25-54 and 3.6M total viewers P2+<sup>1</sup>.

Since its debut in 1993 on USA, *Raw* has been watched nearly 6 billion times in the U.S. alone. In its 25-year history, *Raw* has helped launch the careers of popculture icons including Dwayne "The Rock®" Johnson, John Cena®, Undertaker®, Triple H®, "Stone Cold®" Steve Austin and The Bella Twins™.

 $^{1}$ Source: Nielsen NNTV, 2018 YTD through May (1/1/18-5/31/18), Live+7 Average Viewers for selected demographics (P18-49, P25-54, P2+).

## About USA Network

USA Network, the leader in cable entertainment, offers a powerful stable of dramatic, comedic and unscripted originals in more than 102 million U.S. homes. The network also features spectacular live television, a dynamic portfolio of acquired series and the best in blockbuster theatrical films and entertainment events. A trailblazer in digital innovation and storytelling, USA is defining, driving and setting the industry standard for Social TV. USA is a program service of NBCUniversal Cable Entertainment, a division of NBCUniversal. USA's award-winning website is located at <a href="http://www.usanetwork.com">http://www.usanetwork.com</a>. Watch USA Network anywhere: On Demand, online or across mobile and connected TVs.

## **About WWE**

WWE, a publicly traded company (NYSE: WWE), is an integrated media organization and recognized leader in global entertainment. The company consists of a portfolio of businesses that create and deliver original content 52 weeks a year to a global audience. WWE is committed to family friendly entertainment on its television programming, pay-per-view, digital media and publishing platforms. WWE's TV-PG, family-friendly programming can be seen in more than 800 million homes worldwide in 24 languages. WWE Network, the first-ever 24/7 over-the-top premium network that includes all live pay-per-views, scheduled programming and a massive video-on-demand library, is currently available in more than 180 countries. The company is headquartered in Stamford, Conn., with offices in New York, Los Angeles, London, Mexico City, Mumbai, Shanghai, Singapore, Dubai, Munich and Tokyo.

Additional information on WWE (NYSE: WWE) can be found at wwe.com and corporate.wwe.com. For information on our global activities, go to <a href="http://www.wwe.com/worldwide/">http://www.wwe.com/worldwide/</a>.

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