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Dear Gentlefolk,

This letter is being sent to you to ask that you pick up the TV program, "Beauty And The Beast".

I don't watch much Network TV because television as a whole has become less and less interesting to me over the years, especially since this show has gone off the air.

"Beauty And The Beast" has come to represent most of TV for me, because the majority of my random viewing, (most of my viewing hours) was spent on CBS out of loyalty to a network that had given me my favorite show of all time. My more selective viewing was, and is still, largely based on related topics; a cast or crew member being interviewed here or making an appearance there, a movie or show with the actors, writers, directors, etc. who had also worked with Beauty And The Beast", and literary classics sharing roots with the show or those which have been mentioned on it. The same goes almost as much for periodicals and publications, since I spend more time reading than watching.

I had all but reluctantly given up on Network TV before this show first aired; and while intrigued by cable, I didn't consider it to be an option because I preferred to spend my extra money on other things. But if "Beauty And The Beast" should find a new home with cable, I will most definitely buy it. I've already made changes in my spending habits so I'll be ready whenever that might happen.

Despite the heartbreaking changes brought about by the third season, (I would like nothing better than for the whole third season to be just a dream sequence), I am more a fan of this show than ever, because I've been through much too much to give up on it now, and the real life people behind "Beauty And The Beast" have become more than just names to me, they have become real.

I'm told by people who watch far more TV than I, "It's only a show", but for me it's pretty much the only show. I believe that people who watch far more TV than I would have a similar reaction if they had essentially no more TV, as I would. I take what little I do watch at least as seriously as the average person takes TV itself. In a similar vein, I could say to others, "It's only a game."

I welcome the chance to put my money where my mouth is, even if nothing but reruns are shown for a long time, and even if new episodes, if any, have to be made less frequently; because I hope that this way, the show will reach people who would otherwise not see it, and history might then repeat what it did with Star Trek. Also, though I have a VCR and every aired episode on tape, I want extra (and better) copies and also welcome any chance to watch the show without adding wear and tear to my VCR and its library. I also like the idea of watching it at the same time a lot of other people are. I frequently called several friends right after an episode was aired to discuss it, some long distance.

Good things are worth waiting (and paying) for.

Hopefully Yours,
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