
Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by And I am the Life - 14-05-2008 15:07

Yes ladies and gentlemen. It's 1973 in the republic of Ireland.

I've just seen a poster for an open casting for a 6-part mock u soap series on RTE this autumn. Check out the cast of characters.

Waka productions are looking to cast the following male roles:

1. A hunky prototype hot latino lover type: spanish accent Aged 20-40
2. A heavy set Polish body builder type. Easter European accent aged 20-40
3. A slick, Italina gigolo type. Italian accent Aged 20-40
4. A tall, Handsome West African. Nigerian Accent Aged 20-40
5. A buff Aussie Surfer type. Australian accent aged 20-40
6. A well groomed, Faships conscious Oriental teype. chinese Accent 20-40
7. A high camp and "well fed" (make that "very well fed") south dublin Himbo aged 16-22

This could be the worst television programme made in over 30 years.

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by evilC - 14-05-2008 15:22

Are they re-making 'Mind Your Language' for the un-reconstructed or something?

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by dogbeak - 14-05-2008 15:24

faships?

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by Stumpy Pepys - 14-05-2008 15:27

Aren't they missing a saucy French lady and a blonde Swede with pigtails?

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by Ginger Yellow - 14-05-2008 15:35

Jaysus. And if they want a Polish character, wouldn't it be helpful to have a Polish accent?

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by noby - 14-05-2008 15:47

Polish and eastern European are synonymous in Ireland. According to our boss we have a couple of Polish lads from Slovakia working with us.

This sounds like it will be as good as all the other RTE sit-coms.

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by evilC - 14-05-2008 15:54

Oh my!

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by Ginger Yellow - 14-05-2008 16:02

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by Inca - 14-05-2008 16:05

Just to ask it again...

faships?

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by evilC - 14-05-2008 16:19

Ginger Yellow wrote:

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Doubly amazing: it ran from 1977-79, not '73-'75, as my brain thought it had.

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by Pan Tau - 14-05-2008 16:19

Mussolini's navy, I think.

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by Not me - 14-05-2008 16:28

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by Eggchaser - 14-05-2008 16:36

I hope the actor playing the dad doesn't get deported for staying past his real life work permit or his soap children will find themselves somehow unable to get enough money between them to pay the mortgage despite them all being of working age and apparently in work and so being forced disappear back to wherever it is all the non-white people in Eastenders hide.

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So, set in modern Dublin, was it?

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I thought the Muslim Family was actually run by the nagging scold wife, who has the husband on the run, has a son that has fled from her overweening power and has a daughter who just wants to go to the pub and get hammered with her mates.

Faship=Fashion oops.

The show is called ladygravy as far as I can make out. Mind your language was the first thing I thought of when I saw this poster. (I couldn't remember the name though)

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by Fred Keenor - 14-05-2008 19:17

Are we talking about the Masoods? It's a matriachal family and the father has been out for months "visiting relatives" but he was a softie. The son still lives with her and the daughter is really quite hot.

I haven't watched it for a few weeks but checking the website the "strict patriach" is a visiting uncle and they are all pretending to be as devoutly Muslim as he.

I missed the end of the Steven/Lucy plot I've just realised, that's annoying.

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by toro toro toro - 15-05-2008 00:02

clive - you say "un-reconstructed", we say "you sound like a fucking tan":)

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Well, hang on, what's this "too" business? The portrayal may well have been hateful, but denizens of the 'Mun really *do* put horses in the lifts. How else are you meant to get one to the fifteenth-storey council flat you're stabling it in?

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by toro toro toro toro - 15-05-2008 00:03

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Ha ha, that's brilliant.

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by teerex - 15-05-2008 09:07

Love the comments in EvilC's link to 'Mind Your Language'.

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Posted by evilC - 15-05-2008 10:00

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I like the way that one person tried to defend it by saying that Daniel Arap Moi - the former Kenyan premier - was a fan.

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by Felicity, I guess so - 15-05-2008 14:55

People I know who knew him personally claimed SWP founder Tony Cliff liked it too! (tho' Skegness Easter gatherings in the 80s were marked by his fave Woody Allen films, iirc.)

But then he did support Spurs as well, so his judgement was by no means always sound!

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by Kowalski - 17-05-2008 17:20

I shared a house with someone from Sri Lanka for a few weeks about 4 years ago, he was a big fan of Mind Your Language

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by Tactical Genius - 18-05-2008 06:28

I think Mind your language was very popular amongst the ethnic minorities at the time.

Probably because they all knew someone "just off the boat" who would show behavior similar to the stereotype, propably in the same way Goodness Gracious me, Little miss Jecelyn et al are popular.

BTW when i lived in nigeria in 85-86 mind your lanuage was very popular and they even had a nigerian version called second chance with their own regional stereotypes.

This lady was one of the lead characters with her trademark Gele (headscarf).

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by Tactical Genius - 18-05-2008 06:30

So you gonna audition for number 7 AIATL?

Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by Rogin the Armchair Fan - 18-05-2008 10:05

What was the series that had Spike Milligan blacked up as an Indian, never repeated, that I always confuse with "Love Thy Neighbour" (which was the one where the white Man U fan Labour voter and the black Tory spent half an hour each week hilariously shouting "Nig-nog" and "Big White Chief" at one another)?

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Posted by Rogin the Armchair Fan - 18-05-2008 10:47

And while we're on the subject of Spike ...(sound & probably workplace warning)

Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by Tactical Genius - 18-05-2008 13:13

Love thy neighbour was also on TV in nigeria at the time as well as Frank Spencer.

Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by Tony C - 18-05-2008 15:21

Rogin the Armchair Fan wrote:

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You're thinking of 'Curry and Chips' - although you are better off not doing so.

Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by Ralph Dangerfish - 18-05-2008 17:20

Spike Milligan blacked up as an Indian

Milligan was actually Indian- he spent his childhood in Poona and then Rangoon before his family moved to England.

Comic actor Michael Bates (It ain't half hot mum)also grew up in India. He claimed this justified his role as Rangji Ram in the concert party comedy.

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by Tony C - 18-05-2008 18:16

"Milligan was actually Indian- he spent his childhood in Poona and then Rangoon before his family moved to England".

True, but he wasn't black.

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by Eggchaser - 18-05-2008 21:35

He was Irish though. And a product of his times.

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Re:Ethnic stereotype mismatch comedy no 3465

Posted by J1s - 18-05-2008 22:17

I could be mistaken here but weren't "Love Thy Neighbour" and "Mind Your Language" written by the same person?

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