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Movie directors help Spielberg with TV anthology

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LOS ANGELES — The 1985-86 season may not bring a second Golden Age of Television, but there is hope for improvement when these figures are directing series: Steven Spielberg, Clint Eastwood, William Friedkin, Martin Scorsese and Michael Crichton.

Directors who normally work on \$20 million productions have lately been turning out TV segments on \$500,000 budgets and five-day schedules. Money isn't the reason; they are paid normal salaries for television. Then why are big names working for the small screen?

"I did it because Steven called me," said Peter Hyams ("2010"), referring to Steven Spielberg, who has created "Amazing Stories" for NBC. "He told me, 'I'd really like you to do this.' I'm such an

admirer of his, almost to the point of being awestruck, that I couldn't refuse. He is trying to make a difference in television, trying to make it better, and I feel he should be supported."

Others who have answered Spielberg's call: Clint Eastwood, Martin Scorsese ("Taxi Driver," "Raging Bull"), Paul Bartel ("Eating Raoul," "Lust in the Dust"), Bob Clark ("Porky's"), Irvin Kershner ("The Empire Strikes Back," "Never Say Never Again") and Joan Darling ("First Love"). Spielberg also has written episodes and directed for the series.

Eastwood is not the only actor to join Spielberg's TV crew. Burt Reynolds is scheduled to direct a segment of "Amazing Stories," as well as an "Alfred Hitchcock" episode.

Timothy Hutton, the Academy Award winner from "Ordinary People," will direct an episode from a story idea he submitted. "Grandpa's Ghost" will mark Hutton's directorial debut outside the music video field. Hutton directed the

Cars' hit music video, "Drive."

"Amazing Stories" is not the only new series to attract feature directors. NBC's "Alfred Hitchcock" has hired Richard Pearce ("Country"), Michael Crichton ("Westworld"), John Milius ("The Wind and the Lion") and John Byrum ("Heart Beats").

"The anthological formats of some of the new shows is conducive to attracting these directors," said Chris Crowe, executive producer of "Alfred Hitchcock." "What appeals to them is the chance to put their own stamp on a smaller film. Naturally, we can't pay them what they're worth. But they enjoy making a picture in five days... without being in view of the critics, as they always are in major productions."

Crowe observes: "Many of the directors we're hiring enjoy returning to the early days of their careers. It's like going back to their roots." And he says he's getting calls from stars who feel affection for Hitchcock's classic work and want to participate in the remakes. □

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7:00	Today	CBS Morning News	Good Morning America	Sesame Street	CBS Morning News	Plasticman	News		Scooby Doo Super-Friends	Congressional Hearings	Today	Gobots	I Dream Of Jeannie Bewitched	Bozo	Leo The Lion	Cartoons
7:30	"	"	"	"	"	Robotech	Good Morning	Farm Day Weather	"	"	"	Robotech	"	"	Shippy, The Kangaroo	"
8:00	"	"	"	Mister Rogers Reading Rainbow	"	Superfriends	America	Sesame Street	Little Rascals Dennis The Menace	Viewer Call-In	"	Bugs Bunny Munsters	Hazel	"	Ben Casey	Calliope
8:30	"	"	"	"	"	Bullwinkle	"	"	"	"	"	"	I Love Lucy	Beverly Hillsbillies	"	"
9:00	Hour Magazine	\$25,000 Pyramid Press Your Luck	Hour Magazine	ITV Programming	\$25,000 Pyramid Headline Chasers	Dick Van Dyke Divorce Court	Good Morning Houston	The Secret City Body Electric	Movie: "Ziegfeld Girl"	Congressional Hearings	Your Number's Up Sale Of The Century	Dating Game Break The Bank	Movie: "Death Be Not Proud"	Waltons	700 Club	Heartlight City
9:30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
10:00	Wheel Of Fortune Scrabble	Price Is Right	Three's A Crowd All-Star Blitz	"	Price Is Right	Ironsides	Donahue	Mister Rogers 3-2-1 Contact	"	"	Wheel Of Fortune Scrabble	Catch Phrase I Love Lucy	"	Big Valley	American Baby	Prisoner: Cell Block H Peyton Place
10:30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
11:00	Super Password Search For Tomorrow	Young And The Restless	Ryan's Hope Middy	Sesame Street	Young And The Restless	Medical Center	Ryan's Hope Loving	Sesame Street	"	U.S. House Of Representatives Floor	Super Password News	Vega\$	Perry Mason	Little House On The Prairie	Bill Cosby Dobie Gillis	Movie: "A Star Is Born"
11:30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Mary Tyler Moore	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
12:00	Days Of Our Lives	News As The World	All My Children	Body Electric How To Play Piano	News As The World	Death Valley Movie: "The"	All My Children	Working Women 15 Magazine	Green Acres Partridge Family	Debate	Days Of Our Lives	Laverne & Shirley One Day At A Time	Movie: "Caxambu"	News	Farmer's Daughter Patty Duke	"
12:30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1:00	Another World	Turns Capitol	One Life To Live	Slim Cuisine Master Chefs	Turns Capitol	Trojan Women	One Life To Live	Matinee At The Bijou	Gidget	"	Another World	Alice Gunsmoke	"	Lead Off Baseball Montreal Expos	My Little Margie I Married Joan	Alive & Well!
1:30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
2:00	Santa Barbara	Guiding Light	General Hospital	Timmie & Lassie Secret City	Guiding Light	"	General Hospital	"	Heathcliff	U.S. House Of Representatives Floor	Santa Barbara	"	Bugs Bunny	At Chicago Cubs	700 Club	Candid Camera Room 222
2:30	"	"	"	"	"	Casper	"	Sneak Previews	Voltron	"	"	Captain Harlock	"	"	"	"
3:00	America	Body Language Different Strokes	Transformers Little House	Sesame Street	Divorce Court Press Your Luck	Captain Harlock Robotech	How The West Was Won Part 1	Sesame Street	Jetsons He-Man	Debate	Dallas	Robotech	Flintstones	"	Medical Center	Joker's Wild Bullseye
3:30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Gobots	"	"	"	"
4:00	Jeopardy	Andy Griffith People's Court	On The Prairie Jeffersons	Mister Rogers Timmy & Lassie	Newlywed Game Price Is Right	Gobots Gilligan's Island	"	Mister Rogers Electric Company	She-Ra Transformers	Viewer Call-In	Newlywed Game The Price Is Right	What's Happening Different Strokes	Leave It To Beaver Beverly Hillsbillies	"	Tic Tac Dough Face The Music	Make Me Laugh Gong Show
4:30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	G.I. Joe	"	"
5:00	News NBC News	News CBS News	M.A.S.H. ABC News	Oil Painting Audobon Wildlife	News	Laverne & Shirley Different Strokes	Live At Five ABC News	3-2-1 Contact Business Report	Brady Bunch Bewitched	National Press Club	Jeopardy NBC News	Dukes Of Hazzard	Down To Earth Safe At Home	Jeffersons WKRP In Cincinnati	Name That Tune Rifleman	Cartoons
5:30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
6:00	News Wheel Of Fortune	News Benson	News Wheel Of Fortune	MacNeil Lehrer Newshour	CBS News Entertainment	Three's Company One Day At A Time	News	MacNeil Lehrer Newshour	Gimme A Break Private Benjamin	Congressional Hearings	News Different Strokes	Different Strokes Buddies	Rocky Road Sanford & Son	Barney Miller Benson	Eddie's Father Don't Eat The Daisies	Radio 1990 Dragnet