

LOST IN SPACE

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ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

Irwin Allen's "Lost In Space" is one series which refutes its own title. The show has found a home in the living rooms of America.

Returning for its second season (Wednesday nights over CBS-TV), the series will be in color for the first time — a technicality destined to add even millions of more viewers to the galactic misadventures of the Robinson family, their friend Don West and the infamous Dr. Smith, space villain par excellence.

In real life, the stars of producer Allen's way out 20th Century-Fox Television series are known as Guy Williams, June Lockhart, Marta Kristen, Angela Cartwright, Billy Mumy (as the Robinson family), Mark Goddard (West) and Jonathan Harris (Smith).

Without a doubt, Irwin Allen is the only producer in television today who could successfully bring off a series which has the scope of "Lost In Space." And with the start of "Space's" second season, the unlimited creative imagination of Irwin Allen has found new outlets in the use of color. It is safe to state that no other show on television will be able to match "Lost In Space" in its application of spectacular color.

"Lost In Space" followed close on the heels of another Irwin Allen hit series, "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea," going into its third season in color on ABC-TV. Additionally, the prolific producer debuts his third series this coming season with "The Time Tunnel," a project tailored to perfection in the Allen tradition.

To simulate the landscape of the planet on which the American family is marooned, one of the 20th Century-Fox Studios' largest sound stages has been transformed into an eerie vista of strange vegetation and peculiarly shaped boulders. Another vista is used for the water-voyage sequences and a huge man-made moat is made to look as if Mother Nature had gone beserk for the outdoor shooting.

Additionally, the nightmarish topography of Red Rock Canyon, many miles from Hollywood, is used as a double for the planet in long shots and technical sequences.

In filling the role of Professor John Robinson, Allen was fortunate in persuading Guy Williams to return to television. Millions of video fans remember Williams as the swashbuckling Zorro in the series made for Walt Disney and he is well-known to movie fans as "Captain Sinbad."

June Lockhart cast her down-to-earth dresses away for the role of Guy Williams' wife in "Lost In Space." As the mother in the "Lassie" series, Miss Lockhart spent six years "down on the farm." She now resides in outer space, helping her scientist-husband protect their three children from the dangers of unknown assailants and undisciplined environments.

Marta Kristen plays Judy, the eldest daughter of the space-wandering family. Judy is 20, conventional and the only distinct non-genius in her family. She is a native of Norway and was raised in Detroit. Her presence has graced 14 television programs ranging from "My Three Sons" to "Wagon Train" and she has been featured in two motion pictures, "Savage Sam" and "Beach Blanket