

# Freddy's Nightmares

## A Nightmare

### ON ELM STREET: THE SERIES

#### Show Description

It's hard to keep a bad man down. And so it goes with Freddy Krueger, one of the most terrifying characters in film history. Now, Freddy brings his macabre mixture of humor and horror to television with the new syndicated weekly one-hour episodic series "Freddy's Nightmares," based on the blockbuster feature film series "A Nightmare on Elm Street." Robert Englund, reprising his popular role of the monstrous, wisecracking Freddy Kreuger, serves as host and frequent cast member.

As was revealed in the original 1984 "A Nightmare on Elm Street," Freddy met a fiery death at the hands of vengeful Springwood parents, who took the law into their own hands after the judicial system failed to put away the teen-murdering janitor. After his "death," the grossly disfigured Freddy returned as something far worse, a dream demon capable of invading and exploiting people's deepest, darkest thoughts and nightmares. When the film, which cost \$1.8 million, wound up earning \$24 million, producer Robert Shaye realized that what had started out to be just "a nice little horror film" had become a cult phenomenon, and so Freddy was revived for a second, a third and recently, a fourth motion picture.

"A Nightmare on Elm Street," the television series, explores the eerie nether world of Freddy Krueger and his revenge on the citizens of Springwood, where dreams become reality and reality turns into horrifying nightmares. Unlike your normal breed of middle

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Americans, the denizens of Springwood are haunted by their thoughts, hopes, wishes, and daydreams. In his trademark tattered sweater, felt fedora hat and razor-fingered glove, Freddy and his minions ride herd over Springwood's subconscious, decimating its citizens with a psychologically terrifying edge.

"Freddy's Nightmares" will feature 22 one-hour episodes, each of which will contain two separate stories. You'll never know when "host" Freddy will pop up with his evil smirk and strikingly sardonic humor to preside over the festivities. The series delves into the horror-fantasy side of our subconscious with sometimes darkly humorous consequences. For example, the gruesome price of winning when a track star is urged to get the "killer instinct;" the chilling side-effects of a young woman's repressed sexuality; and the nightmare of being Freddy's patient at Springwood's hospital. The series also exploits the simple apprehensions of everyday life: the gnawing guilt of adultery; the fear of discovery; the dread of the dentist's chair; and the ever-present perils of dating in the '80's.

With his razor-sharp wit, Freddy is the man of our dreams, the hero that people love to hate. He will lure us into a world where our dark side is exposed while he zeroes in for the kill in his quest for fiendish fun.

"Freddy's Nightmares" will also feature the talents of motion picture directors Tobe Hooper ("Poltergeist" and "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre"), Mick Garris ("Critters 2"), Renny Harlan ("A Nightmare on Elm Street, Part 4") and Tim Hunter ("River's Edge"). "A Nightmare on Elm Street: Freddy's Nightmares" is a Stone Television production in association with New Line Cinema distributed by Lorimar Syndication. Robert Shaye and Jeff Freilich are executive producers.

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### "A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET - FREDDY'S NIGHTMARES: THE SERIES

The following are cast and production credits for "A Nightmare on Elm Street - Freddy's Nightmares: The Series," the one-hour suspense series for first-run syndication.

Origination:	Filmed in and around Los Angeles, CA
Format:	One-hour Suspense Drama
Host:	ROBERT ENGLUND as Freddy Krueger
Executive Producers:	Robert Shaye Jeff Freilich
Executive in charge of Production:	Scott Stone
Producer:	Gil Adler
Supervising Producer:	Jonathan Betuel
Production Designer:	Mick Strawn
Editors:	Arthur Klein Phil Scriccia
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**ROBERT ENGLUND**  
(Freddy Krueger)

Robert Englund, best known to audiences as the sinister Freddy Krueger in the "A Nightmare on Elm Street" blockbuster series of feature films, was born on June 6 in Los Angeles, CA. The only son of non-show business parents (his engineer father helped develop the infamous U-2 spy plane), Englund's interest in the arts began while attending college at California State University, Northridge as well as UCLA.

He went on to study acting with such renowned acting coaches as Lee Strasberg, Jeff Corey and Jack Garfein and graduated with honors from the American branch of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts. After acting and directing in theatres around the country and managing a theatre in Los Angeles, Englund made the transition to film with a role in the 1974 feature "Buster and Billie." He went on to star in "Hustle," "Stay Hungry," "A Star is Born," "Big Wednesday," "Don't Cry, It's Only Thunder," "The Quest" and beginning in 1984, the "Freddy" sagas: "A Nightmare on Elm Street," "A Nightmare on Elm Street II," "A Nightmare on Elm Street III: Dream Warriors" and the recently released "A Nightmare on Elm Street IV: The Dream Master."

Englund is also a prolific television actor, having starred in such telefilms as "Young Joe, The Forgotten Kennedy," "Get Patty Hearst," "Hobson's Choice," "I Want to Live" and "Starflight One."

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**ROBERT ENGLUND**

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Englund also starred in the television series "Downtown" and reprised his role as the gentle lizard Willy from the mini-series "V" in the weekly series of the same name. He makes his feature film directorial debut in the upcoming motion picture "976-EVIL."

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ROBERT SHAYE  
(Executive Producer)

Since founding New Line Cinema in 1967, Robert Shaye has served as President and Chief Executive Officer where he has overseen the acquisition and marketing of such popular releases as "Sympathy for the Devil," "The Seduction of Mimi," the re-release of the cult hit "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" and the 1978 Academy Award winner for Best Foreign Film, "Get Out Your Handkerchiefs." He has also served as executive producer for New Line on the feature films "Stunts," "Alone in the Dark," "The First Time," "Xtro," "Polyester," "Critters," "Quiet Cool" and the four "Nightmare on Elm Street" films. Prior to founding New Line, he produced and directed such award-winning short films as "Image" and "On Fighting Witches."

Shaye received a B.B.A. degree from the University of Michigan School of Business Administration and an L.L.B. from Columbia Law School. Selected as a Fullbright Scholar in the field of copyright law, he is currently a member of the state of New York Bar Association.

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JEFF FREILICH  
(Executive Producer)

Jeff Freilich, a 1970 production graduate of the renowned American Film Institute, began his show business career at Universal Television where he served as a creative consultant on "Baretta." He subsequently served as executive story consultant on the series "Quincy" and produced both "The Incredible Hulk" and "Galactica 1980."

In 1980, Freilich joined Lorimar as executive story editor for the nighttime drama "Flamingo Road." He went on to be supervising producer of the series "Boone," co-creator and executive producer of "Better Days" and most recently, served as executive producer of "Falcon Crest" for the past two television seasons.

Freilich's feature film credits include screenwriting credits on "Two Scoops," "Hollywood Boulevard," "Paradise Flats," "Outta Sight," "Patrolwomen" and "Dynamite."

A 1969 graduate of Antioch College, Freilich resides in Los Angeles, CA.

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### "A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET- FREDDY'S NIGHTMARES: THE SERIES" COLOR CAPTIONS

- Slide A:** Robert Englund stars as the sinister, razor-fingered Freddy Krueger in "A Nightmare on Elm Street - Freddy's Nightmares: The Series."
- Slide B:** Robert Englund reprises his role as the grossly disfigured Freddy Krueger from the blockbuster "A Nightmare on Elm Street" films in the new one-hour suspense television series "A Nightmare on Elm Street - Freddy's Nightmares: The Series."
- Slide C:** Robert Englund serves as host and frequent cast member Freddy Krueger in "A Nightmare on Elm Street - Freddy's Nightmares: The Series."
- Slide D:** Robert Englund stars as the debonair demon of the dark, Freddy Krueger, in "A Nightmare on Elm Street - Freddy's Nightmares: The Series."

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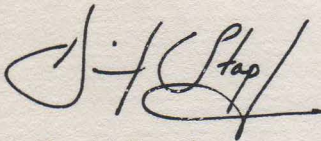
September 22, 1988

Dear Television Editor/Writer:

Please note that the correct title of the series is --

"A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET - FREDDY'S NIGHTMARES: THE SERIES."

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Stapf' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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