

W E L C O M E !

Hi. I want to welcome you to the premiere issue of *Moonlighting Strangers*. The fanzine that is for us – the real *Moonlighting* fans. The ones who constantly watch re-runs on TV, even though we can see every episode on tape any time of the day; the ones who own the VHS of the pilot and bought the DVD just for the audio commentary; and the ones can find positive things to say about the fifth season. Yes, this fanzine is for us.

I came up with this idea last year while I was perusing the internet. I stumbled upon this thing called a fanzine. I've already known about fanzines for comics and music, but I've never seen fanzines for television shows. I was intrigued to see so many, not only for *Star Trek* and the *X-files*, but for *Remington Steele*, *Starsky and Hutch*, *The Rockford Files*, and *Emergency*, as well. I was also dismayed because there was absolutely nothing for one of the greatest shows ever made. That's when I thought to myself, "*Moonlighting* deserves to have one of these."

However, I knew no one in the *Moonlighting* online community and didn't know if enough people would be interested. I settled for submitting a *Moonlighting* story, instead. Before I started on that story, I read a certain message about starting a *Moonlighting Reunion Campaign* on a certain message board. From then on, my fanzine story took a back seat. Months later, I realized I now know enough people and creating a *Moonlighting* fanzine is possible, and as it happens, it serves as one of the important parts of the reunion campaign.

Moonlighting Strangers serves three purposes:

1. A place for *Moonlighting* fans to share our creativity and love for the show.
2. A place where the cast and crew can speak *freely* without fear of anyone twisting their words, exposing scandal or slinging slanderous accusations, which are common place in "legitimate" news these days.
3. A place to further promote our efforts for a *Moonlighting* reunion motion picture or television movie special.

This premiere issue contains some things I expected (original fan fiction, a personal encounter with one of the stars); it also contains some things I never imagined (a music analysis column, an interview with one of the stars). I want to personally thank Curtis Armstrong for taking time out of his busy schedule to grant the interview for the fanzine. So, sit back, relax, and read the best fanzine for the best television show ever made.

Christie Taylor
Co-Publisher

A MESSAGE FROM THE MOONLIGHTING REUNION CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN

The first time I ever had the privilege to see *Moonlighting* was the pilot in 1985. Ever since then, I have been hooked. *Moonlighting* means a lot to me. It was one of the only things I really looked forward to as a child. When the show ended, I felt that it should have had a much better ending. I did not see how anything was resolved between Maddie and David and the show was left up in the air. When I saw the opportunity to try to get a enough momentum going for a reunion campaign, I jumped at the chance. I realized that there was a lot of interest for the show based on all the web sites, the fan fiction, and the show's success on syndication. By teaming up with the co-publisher of this fanzine, Christie Taylor, we were able to start the *Moonlighting Reunion Campaign*. Through that, we came up with the idea that *Moonlighting* should have a main Fanzine where fans can gather to enjoy the show they know and love.

The Fanzine now makes it possible for the fans to go to one specific publication to celebrate their favorite show. It's the only place where fans can read exclusive interviews from the stars and guest stars of the show. Our interviews are all about bringing out the positive feelings the stars have about working on *Moonlighting*. These interviews also inform the fans of the their latest projects and whatever else they kindly choose to share with us. We greatly appreciate all who choose to take time to participate in our new endeavor. A big thanks to Curtis Armstrong and Cybill Shepherd; you both have been wonderful to interview and I hope we can do follow up interviews in the future. The fanzine also offers the fans a place where they can post their own personal messages to the stars, and where the stars will actually see them. We encourage everyone to participate in submitting original information and other creative projects for this fanzine. I am so happy there is finally a fanzine where the fans and stars can join together for one central purpose – our love for *Moonlighting*. Thanks everyone take care.

Sincerely,

Joy Chodan
Chairman and Co-Publisher