



PRESS INFORMATION



"POWER RANGERS NINJA STORM"

The Power Rangers saga continues with the multimedia phenomenon's 11th incarnation, "Power Rangers Ninja Storm." This live action series, combining exciting action, humor and drama, airs on the ABC Television Network's Saturday morning lineup, "ABC Kids," and on ABC Family during the kids' action/adventure programming block. Boosted by martial arts-based action and adventure, the stories revolve around ordinary teens who take on extraordinary powers to defend the world when intergalactic evil threatens the Earth.

To the outside world, Tori, Shane and Dustin have typical teen lives in Blue Bay Harbor: fun, friends, school and hanging out at Storm Chargers action sports store. Shane's a skateboarder, Dustin races motocross, and Tori's a beach-loving surfer. But they have one special thing in common - they are students at a secret Ninja school where, under the careful teachings of a wise Sensei, they've trained in the ancient ways of the Ninja. Before long, their world changes when Lothor, a Ninja master banished to space for his evil deeds, returns to Earth bent on revenge. During the confrontation between the evil Lothor and Sensei, the Sensei is magically turned into a guinea pig and now cannot turn himself back into a human. Left with no other choice, the Sensei must enlist the help of his less than perfect students. Sensei gives 'morphers' to the three kids that, when necessary, will transform them into superheroes.

The morphers transform Shane into the Red Ranger, one who derives his power from the air and the sky. Dustin becomes the Yellow Ranger, utilizing the power of the Earth to his advantage and Tori changes into the Blue Ranger, drawing her power from flowing water.

This trio, now known as the Wind Power Rangers, also faces the threat of two former Ninja students from a rival school who join forces with Lothor. The pair, known as the Thunder Rangers (Crimson Thunder and Navy Thunder), must somehow be convinced by the Wind Power Rangers to team with them and together -- as Power Rangers -- defeat Lothor.

Later in the story, another powerful ally -- the Green Samurai Ranger -- emerges to help the Power Rangers in the ultimate battle of good versus evil. Until then, the Power Rangers must work with Sensei/guinea pig to ensure the safety of the Earth and keep their identities secret, all while keeping up with their own fast-paced, fun-filled young lives.

Featuring multicultural heroes of both genders, the young Power Ranger team continues to serve as role models for today's youth. With positive and powerful messages depicted in each episode, viewers learn the value of honesty, teamwork, tolerance, responsibility and concern for the environment. The Rangers also face physical and mental challenges, embrace cultural differences, eschew negative stereotypes and affirm positive self-images. All the while, "Power Rangers" provides exciting, action-packed entertainment that kids love.

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Douglas Sloan and Ann Austen, former writers and producers on "Power Rangers" (1993-97), return as executive producers on "Power Rangers Ninja Storm." Koichi Sakamoto, a sixteen-year veteran of the global franchise, is the co-executive producer and episodic director. Janine Dickins is the producer.

Starring are Pua Magasiva as Shane, the Red Power Ranger; Glenn McMillan as Dustin, the Yellow Power Ranger; Sally Martin as Tori, the Blue Power Ranger; Adam Tuominen as Hunter, the Crimson Power Ranger; Jorgito Vargas as Blake the Navy Power Ranger; and Jason Chan as Cam; Katrina Devine as Marah; Katrina Browne as Kapri; and Grant McFarland as Sensei.

"Power Rangers Ninja Storm" is produced in studio and on location in Auckland, New Zealand. It is from Village Roadshow KP Productions, Ltd.