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## Keeping *The Invisible Man* visible: *The Invisible Man* returns to San Diego Comic Con

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Sci Fi Channel series, *The Invisible Man*, made a big splash with fans and San Diego Comic Con goes in July of 2001 when the cast graciously took time out from their busy shooting schedule to meet and greet fans. Visiting members of the unofficial fan club, the Imaniacs, were even treated to a tour of the set, generating wonderful word of mouth for this quirky, witty sci fi show.

And finally, after an absence of three years, *The Invisible Man* will once again have a presence at the Comic Con. In the wake of the unexpected and fan-protested cancellation announcement of *The Invisible Man* (Sci Fi Channel's second-highest rated original series) in August of 2001, fans have gathered to sponsor a booth at the Con that started it all.

This fan-run booth celebrates all things I-man, and will feature information on current and past fan-led campaigns to return *The Invisible Man* to the air in syndication, or best of all, with new episodes. In addition, fans want to encourage the new NBC Universal group to consider a feature film for theatrical or TV release, and to demonstrate a demand for region one DVDs.

While the booth location is unavailable at the moment, that information will be posted at

<http://wave.prohosting.com/axzanier/ComicConBooth.html>

<http://www.perseusproject.com/>

<http://www.invisiblemanvs.com/>

<http://www.imaniacs.org/>

when it is finalized.



All fans of quality sci fi are encouraged to visit the booth and sign the movie petition, or to donate the price of a stamp, so that fan voices can be heard by The Powers That Be. There will be a wide variety of fan-made promotional pieces and collectables, and you are invited to enter the drawing to win a region-free DVD player, and the region two edition of the complete first season of *The Invisible Man*. Join the visible fans of *The Invisible Man* at the San Diego Comic Con, and see what you've been missing.

#### About The Invisible Man

*The Invisible Man* -- one of the SciFi Channel's top 3 original series and consistently one of the top 10 genre shows in syndication -- premiered to critical acclaim in June 2000. With a fresh, hip retro style and sly, witty tone, this show is utterly unlike anything else on TV today. The characters are beautifully flawed and human and the sci fi conceit never gets in the way of the wonderful banter and chemistry this top-notch cast and crew created each week. For two seasons the fans have been treated to a roller-coaster ride of plot twists, clever dialogue, comedy, drama, and unpredictable plot lines.

The chemistry between the two lead actors, Vincent Ventresca and Paul Ben-Victor, has garnered numerous accolades and the show has drawn critical acclaim, including several Saturn Award nominations for both its seasons and a best ensemble award from *TV Zone* magazine. Additionally, numerous episodes were included on The Futon Critic's list of the Top 50 Episodes of 2001 and 2002, and the show swept numerous categories in the fan-based voting for the 2002 Roswell Awards.

Created by talented Matt Greenberg (*Reign of Fire*), the show has also created quite a buzz in the creative community, attracting such luminaries as: Armin Shimerman (*Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*), Craig Silverstein (*creative consultant, producer, The Dead Zone*), George Huang (director of *Swimming with Sharks*), Greg Yaitanes (*director of episodes of Las Vegas, Cold Case*), Justine Miceli (*NYPD Blue*), Joel Bissonette (*Boulevard, Fight Club*), David Burke (*Joan of Arcadia*), Michael Welch (*Joan of Arcadia, Star Trek: Insurrection*) and Adam Storke (*Mystic Pizza, Prey*).

*The Invisible Man* was abruptly cancelled after negotiations fell through for not one, but two more seasons in late September 2001. Yet the series' popularity remains high, with a large, international fan base. In fact, a recent chat with the series' two stars had to be cancelled when a record number of fans tried to log on to SciFi.com, accidentally overloading and crashing the server.

I-Maniacs, members of the show's unofficial fan club, are currently spearheading a massive write-in campaign to get *The Invisible Man* picked up by another network. Efforts to date have included a mass mailing to various networks; one online petition that closed as of December 7, 2001, with close to 4000 signatures; and ads in the New York and Los Angeles editions of *Daily Variety*. A new online petition can be found at [www.petitiononline.com/imans3/petition.html](http://www.petitiononline.com/imans3/petition.html) and has already garnered over 5000 signatures, bringing the total number of signatures to over 9000.

By popular demand, *The Invisible Man* was also added to [www.savethatshow.com](http://www.savethatshow.com), an online site dedicated to helping fans voice their support of cancelled or threatened shows, where it has jumped to Number Three on the list of Top Five Vote Leaders with over 20,000 supporting responses, 98 percent of which say the show is "perfect."

For more information on *The Invisible Man*, the Virtual Season, or the campaign to renew the show, please email [www.saveinvisibleman.com](http://www.saveinvisibleman.com) For in-person contacts, please call:

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URLs for your reference:

Message boards:

I-Maniacs.org: [pub63.ezboard.com/blmaniacs](http://pub63.ezboard.com/blmaniacs)

Perseusproject.com: [www.perseusproject.com/MB/mb.html](http://www.perseusproject.com/MB/mb.html)

Official SciFi board: [www.scifi.com/invisibleman](http://www.scifi.com/invisibleman)

Sites devoted to the show and campaigning for season three:

Operation: Visible Ink: <http://visible-ink.net>

I-Maniacs Fan Club: [www.Imaniacs.org](http://www.Imaniacs.org)

perseusproject.com: [www.perseusproject.com/FAQ/Dispatch\\_Index/I-ManPassion/i-manpassion.html](http://www.perseusproject.com/FAQ/Dispatch_Index/I-ManPassion/i-manpassion.html)  
and [http://www.perseusproject.com/Standing\\_Ovation/standing\\_ovation.html](http://www.perseusproject.com/Standing_Ovation/standing_ovation.html)

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