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TITLE: **BURIED TREASURE**
[TV-PG] [stereo]

LENGTH: 1/99

NOLA CODE: BRDT

CATEGORY: Drama

OFFERED: Summer 2001, S5

EXPECTED RELEASE: January 1, 2002

CONTRACT TERMS: Four (4) releases to be completed by December 31, 2003. A release is defined as unlimited use within seven days.

Noncommercial cable and school re-record rights have been granted.

PROGRAM SUPPLIER: Granada Entertainment USA

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: **BURIED TREASURE** is a poignant tale of love and redemption. Widower Harry Jenkins (John Thaw, *Inspector Morse*) is a cut-throat real estate agent with an opinion on everything and everyone. Selfish and arrogant, he has no one to challenge his ill-tempered ways. When his estranged daughter dies in a car crash, Harry is forced to assume care of the nine-year-old, mixed-race granddaughter he didn't know existed. Saffron (Dominique Jackson) has a sparky wit and a stubborn spirit that's more than a

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match for him. Determined to find a home for her other than his own, Harry, with Saffron in tow, leaves for London in search of her father, and perhaps, the key to his own salvation.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS:

A fact sheet and press kit will be posted to FirstClass and www.aptnvs.org. Photography TBA.

CONTENT ADVISORY:

Mild expletives

PRODUCTION DATE:

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PRODUCTION CREDITS:

Producer: Joshua St. Johnston. Director: Adrian Shergold. Executive Producers: Jo Wright and Laura Mackie.

BROADCAST HISTORY:

U.S. Television Premiere

RELATED MERCHANDISE:

This program is **NOT** available on home video.

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Harry Jenkins (John Thaw, *Inspector Morse*), a stubborn and cold-hearted widower, receives a phone call which changes his life – he learns that his estranged daughter is dead and that he is responsible for a granddaughter he did not know he had. Forced to care for nine-year old, inquisitive, mixed-race Saffron (Dominique Jackson), Harry must confront his old grudges and misperceptions. **BURIED TREASURE**, an hour and a half long drama, airs on public television stations nationwide beginning on January 1, 2002 (check local listings).

Accustomed to communicating almost completely through anger, Harry is uncomfortable and awkward with the nine-year old. When Saffron nearly burns down the kitchen, Harry yells at her as if she is an irresponsible and incompetent adult. Feeling unwanted, the clever Saffron attempts to run away and tricks Harry into accompanying her to London to search for her father Luke (Wil Johnson). Along the way, Saffron helps Harry develop an unlikely respect for the musical group All Saints, which leads to a deeper bond as they share memories of Saffron's mother, Annie. Young Dominique Jackson's skilled acting makes her an equal and believable match for the highly-respected Thaw.

Set in England, **BURIED TREASURE** also touches on socio-economic and racial issues. When Harry and Saffron arrive in London, Luke blames his break-up with

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Saffron's mother on Harry's inability to accept his daughter's relationship with a black man. When the wealthy Harry tries to buy Luke out of his crime-ridden urban neighborhood, Luke protests and the contrast between what each man can materially provide for Saffron becomes a source of conflict. In the end, their devotion to Saffron helps Harry and Luke put aside their prejudices and learn to embrace life's changes.

Extremely high quality acting and a humorous yet emotionally rich script combine to make **BURIED TREASURE** a compelling family drama.

Producer: Joshua St. Johnston. Director: Adrian Shergold. Executive Producers: Jo Wright and Laura Mackie. Produced in 2000 by LWT Productions, **BURIED TREASURE** was acquired from Granada Entertainment USA by American Public Television for syndication to public television stations nationwide.

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