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Rockstar: INXS

Premieres Monday, July 11 at 9 PM EST on CBS

Neal Carlson, 29

Heather Luttrell, 27

Marty Casey, 31

Daphna Dave, 29

Brandon Calhoun, 31

Iara Stone, 31

Dana Robbins, 30

Jordis Unga, 22

Ty Taylor, 36

Jessica Robinson, 25

Suzie McNeil, 28

Deanna Johnston, 36

J.D. Fortune, 31

Mig Ayesa, 35

Wil Seabrook, 28

“Rocker are uninhibited, raw and uncensored. When you put 15 in one house, there’s no telling what will happen”

— Brooke Burke

“The range of talent is incredible, and they’re all chasing this dream to be in a band,” says Dave Navarro.

ROCKSTAR: INXS

A sneak peek into the electric new show from the creator of *Survivor* that’ll rock your summer



ARE you ready to rock? Then pump up your TV volume this summer for *Rockstar: INXS*. The new live reality show follows 15 eccentric singers three nights a week on a 13-week quest to become the next front man, or woman, for legendary rock band INXS.

Hosted by former Red Hot Chili Pepper **Dave Navarro**, 38, and *Wild On’s Brooke Burke*, 33, it’s much more than *American Idol* with an edge. “These kids are rockers that have paid their dues, toured in small vans, some have been homeless and others sang on Broadway,” Dave Navarro tells *Star*.

In fact, they were handpicked for a tryout by INXS after a worldwide search. “It will take extraordinary talent to step into that group, record an album and perform in front of hundreds of thousands of people on a world tour,” Brooke explains to *Star*.

THE CONTEST

The contestants are put up in a luxe Hollywood Hills home equipped with cameras for the reality portion of the show, airing Monday nights. You’ll see them going to rock school, guided by Navarro, and getting ready to perform songs from the Who to Nirvana in front of more than 500 people on Tuesday nights. The public votes on their favorites, and the bottom three come back on Wednesdays to face elimination in front of INXS.

Those three will perform one of INXS’s classic songs, like “Disappear,” and then the band decides who stays and who goes. “American opinions will matter a great deal,” says Navarro. “But ultimately the band must decide who they gel with creatively, musically and spiritually.”

— MATT COPPA

THE PRIZE

Formed in 1977 in Perth, Australia, INXS began as a group of high-school friends, including three brothers, and went on to sell more than 30 million albums. Silenced since the tragic death of lead singer Michael Hutchence in 1997, INXS is finally ready to record a new album and go on a world tour. All they need is a new lead singer and their fans will certainly be back. The band includes, above from left, Tim Farriss (guitar), Andrew Farriss (keyboard and guitar), Kirk Pengilly (guitar and sax), Jon Farriss (drums) and Garry Beers (bass guitar).

THE HOSTS

Other than their great bodies, model/actress Brooke Burke and musician Dave Navarro, who’s married to Carmen Electra, have little in common. But as hosts of *Rockstar: INXS*, they know what makes a great lead singer. “A magical presence with a really strong personality,” says Brooke. “Someone who’s charismatic and vulnerable with a flair of extravagance,” adds Dave.

