

WAITING FOR A BREAK

In every waiter, there's an actor "waiting for a break".

There's an old joke in Hollywood and it goes something like this:

There are six stages in an actor's life.

1. Who the hell is Harry Kellerman?
2. Let's try Harry Kellerman.
3. Get me Harry Kellerman.
4. Get me a Harry Kellerman type.
5. Whatever happened to Harry Kellerman?
6. Who the hell is Harry Kellerman?

Waiting for a Break is a reality show concept that plays off the notions that most waiters are out of work actors and that actors at the beginning of their careers are at the same place as actors at the end of their careers. *Waiting for a Break* is a restaurant-themed show about the service end of a busy restaurant. All of the waiters are actors looking for their big break. Half of the waiters are actors starting out and the other half are "D-Listers" trying to re-erect their flaccid careers...think *Hell's Kitchen* moves to the front of the house, with a taste of the heartache that comes with chasing a dream.

Each young actor will be paired with an older "has been" actor to form waiting teams – with one attending to the tables and one running the food. They will be trained in the finer points of table service and then let loose in the pressure cooker of a fast paced, thriving restaurant. Try to picture Gary Busey dealing with an irate diner...now, that's entertainment! At the end of each episode, the teams will be evaluated by a panel of restaurant professionals and a winner will be chosen each week based on their evaluation and the amount of tips they have received. Viewers will also have the opportunity to call in after each episode with a vote for their favorite in the form a tip, paid with fictitious money ranging from zero to twenty dollars. Each week, the winning team will be entitled to immunity and a place on the judges' panel for the coming week as well as dinner for two during the next episode where they will be the diners instead of the waiters, allowing them a chance at sabotaging the other teams. The losing team will face the judges and be forced to defend themselves as to which one of them will be sent packing. The final episode will find the last two waiters each working a section of their own, choosing their "back waiter" from the contestants already voted off. The winner will receive a cash award in addition to their "Big Break" in the form of an agency contract, a guest spot on TV show, headshots with a famous photographer, etc.

In addition to the weekly drama in the restaurant, *Waiting for a Break* will feature a two to three minute clip each week of well known actors sharing their best "waiter" stories from their early days of waiting tables in Hollywood.

Anyone who has ever worked in a restaurant knows that the real drama is in the front of the house. Waiters walk the thin line between egomaniacal chefs and demanding customers. *Waiting for a Break* is a deep well of possibilities for a variety of entertaining and dramatic situations. On *Waiting for a Break*, if you can't wait tables...you better *act* like you can.