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'Greenleaf' will take viewers into the unscrupulous world of the Greenleaf family and their sprawling Memphis megachurch, where scandalous secrets and lies are as numerous as the faithful.

Oprah Winfrey will play Mavis McCready, the sister of Lady Mae Greenleaf (Lynne Whitfield) and a close confidante of Grace Greenleaf (Merle Dandridge). The ensemble cast also includes Keith David, Lamman Rucker, Deborah Joy Winans, Tye White, Kim Hawthorne and Desiree Ross.

'Greenleaf' is slated to premiere in 2016.

Oprah Winfrey made her acting debut in 1985 as "Sofia" in Steven Spielberg's *The Color Purple*, for which she received both Academy Award® and Golden Globe® nominations.

Through her company's film division, Harpo Films, Oprah Winfrey has produced projects based on classic and contemporary literature that have garnered the highest industry honors for quality acting and production.

Produced by Oprah Winfrey's Harpo Studios, *The Oprah Winfrey Show* entertained, enlightened and uplifted millions of viewers for 25 years.

In 2008, Oprah Winfrey and Discovery Communications announced plans to create OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network, the first and only network named for, and inspired by, a single iconic leader.

OWN is a joint venture between Harpo, Inc. and Discovery Communications. The network debuted on January 1, 2011 and is available in 85 million homes. The venture also includes the award-winning digital platform Oprah.com. Effective July 2011, Oprah assumed the positions of Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Creative Officer for the network. (Oprah.com)

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