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## "New Yorker" Praises "Battlestar: Galactica"

As well they should -- "BG" is probably the most exciting and certainly the most relevant show on TV right now. But two things about the Nancy Franklin review. She's clearly playing catch up -- the piece spends so much time recapping the miniseries that launched the show, it might as well have been written in 2003. And as a side note, she describes the SciFi channel's previous big success as "Mystery Science Theatre 3000." The wording is a little vague, so it may not technically be an error, but they certainly make it sound like MST3K is a signature SciFi show when in fact it ran on Comedy Central for many years and SciFi dealt in the scraps when it began airing the show (with a new cast) some eight years into the run in 1997. That was also the year SciFi launched "StarGate," now about to become the longest running sci-fi hit in TV history. It's more of a signature series for the channel than "MST3K."

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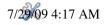
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