

# THE NEW YORK TELEVISION FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES OFFICIAL SELECTIONS TO THE 2007 INDEPENDENT PILOT COMPETITION

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*Network premiere screenings, panel discussions, and industry networking events will also be featured at third annual indie TV fest.*

[NEW YORK, NY, Aug. 13, 2007] – The New York Television Festival (NYTVF) today announced the slate of twenty-eight original television pilots featured this year in its Independent Pilot Competition. Submitted by independent producers around the world, the pilots will be showcased for industry execs and TV fans at the third annual Festival, held at New World Stages in Midtown Manhattan. The NYTVF launches September 5<sup>th</sup> and runs through Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

“We received a record number of submissions this year, proving that the independent television movement continues to expand,” said NYTVF founder Terence Gray. “The quality and imagination of the pilots as a whole improves every year, and we expect tremendous things from the artists being showcased at the 2007 NYTVF.”

In addition to the Independent Pilot Competition, the 2007 NYTVF will continue on its traditions of offering star-studded red-carpet premieres of new network shows as part of its “Premiere Week” screening series. The NYTVF will also present a series of panel discussions covering some of the hottest topics facing the TV industry. Details on Premiere Week and the Panel Discussion Series will be announced soon.

Many of the pilots feature recognizable names and faces from TV industry, including performers from TV shows such as “The Sopranos,” “Party of Five,” “The Daily Show,” and “Saturday Night Live,” and films such as “Office Space” and “Ghostbusters.” In addition, the competition features pilots created by writers and producers from shows such as “The Daily Show” and “Full House.” As a group, the Official Selections comprise a diverse slate of innovative shows appealing to both men and women of all ages. The pilots will be available to view online at MSN Video starting September 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **2007 INDEPENDENT PILOT COMPETITION OFFICIAL SELECTIONS:**

### **The Agency** (Supernatural dramedy)

Executive Producers: Otto Cedeno, Sean Jaques and Corydon Wagner - New York, NY

### **Apartment 413** (Sitcom featuring puppets)

Executive Producers: Tamra Malaga, Josh Cohen and Tony Colon - New York, NY

### **The Band** (Teen drama)

Executive Producers: Kevin A. Calhoun and Loretta De Stefano - New York, NY

### **Carpeted Afterhours** (Sketch comedy)

Executive Producer: Alan Callaghan - Chicago, IL

### **Chance Your Hand** (Workplace comedy)

Executive Producers: Luke Heywood and Tim Pass - New South Wales, Australia

**Codeword Secret** (Action comedy)

Executive Producer: Barry Gribble - Washington D.C.

**Deal with It** (Workplace comedy)

Executive Producers: Stephen Muterspaugh and Michael Kary - North Hollywood, CA

**Dear Harvard** (Teen drama)

Executive Producer: Anne Jarmain - New York, NY

**Ex-Pats: Bangalore** (International comedy)

Executive Producer: Kevin Napier - New York, NY and Bangalore, India

**Fabulous Flowers** (Educational/Do-it-Yourself)

Executive Producer: Bill Dougherty - Virginia Beach, VA

**Family Values** (Family sitcom)

Executive Producers: Mike Shapiro and Rob Kutner - New York, NY

**Fat, Broke and Horny** (Character comedy)

Executive Producer: Sean McGinley - Los Angeles, CA

**The Gauntlet** (Reality competition)

Executive Producer: Scott Patterson - Brooklyn, NY

**Gnome** (Character comedy)

Executive Producer: Will Janowitz - New York, NY

**The Grass Is Greener** (Relationship sitcom)

Executive Producer: Randall Bobbitt - Los Angeles, CA

**The Happy Hour** (Educational/travel)

Executive Producer: Steve Luttmann - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**Here On Earth** (Workplace comedy)

Executive Producers: Josh Baron and David Bartin - New York, NY

**I'm Sorry Melissa** (Reality-comedy)

Executive Producer: Wayne Parillo - Brooklyn, NY

**In Your Backyard.tv** (Family educational)

Executive Producers: Charles Roocke and Mary Sue Roocke - Bellmore, NY

**Mild Mannered** (Supernatural comedy)

Executive Producers: Marc Collins and Martti Nelson - Los Angeles, CA

**Oh! Be Joyful** (Workplace sitcom)

Executive Producer: Jonathan Roumie - New York, NY

**Redeeming Rainbow** (Surreal mockumentary)

Executive Producer: Dan McNamara - Jersey City, NJ

**Sacrifice** (Supernatural drama)

Executive Producer: Grant Weiss, John Paul White and Aaron Crippen - Chicago, IL

**Strange Faculty** (Supernatural comedy)

Executive Producers: Marty Johnson, Mark Odlum, Will Luera, and John Dabrowski - Boston, MA

**Strokes** (Buddy sitcom)

Executive Producers: Jim R. Coleman and Nicole Abisinio - Orlando, FL

**Stuperheroes** (Animated comedy)

Executive Producers: John Bellotti Jr. and Victor Romero - Staten Island, NY

**Video Shmideo** (Workplace comedy)

Executive Producer: Ali Farahnakian - New York, NY

**What She's Having** (Relationship comedy)

Executive Producers: Leonard Catz and Sarit Catz - Short Hills, NJ

All Access Passes and Industry Packages are currently on sale over the Festival Web site. To order, visit <http://www.newyorktelevisionfestival.com> and click on "Box Office."

The NYTVF debuted in 2005 as the industry's first showcase for independent television. Recent pilots that premiered at the Festival and have been sold to major networks include the scripted comedy "Split the Difference" to NBC Universal Television Studios and the improv comedy pilot "Criss-Cross" to A&E Television Networks. Additionally, the reality series "Off the Hook" was purchased and developed as a series by the Versus network.

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For more information on the NYTVF, please visit [www.newyorktelevisionfestival.com](http://www.newyorktelevisionfestival.com).

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About the New York Television Festival

The NYTVF was founded in 2005 as the industry's first recognized independent television festival, providing a platform to elevate the work of artists creating for the small screen. Held annually each fall in New York City, the birthplace of modern television, the Festival unites artists, executives, industry figures, and fans together in one forum to celebrate the medium and to help shape its future. Along with the Independent Pilot Competition, the Festival features panel discussions, network premiere screenings, and other special events designed to honor television as an institution and as an art form.