



NYTVF ANNOUNCES SELECTION OF 50 PROJECTS FOR THE 11TH ANNUAL NEW YORK TELEVISION FESTIVAL INDEPENDENT PILOT COMPETITION

As Official Artists, pilot creators will enjoy exclusive access and pitch opportunities with NYTVF's Industry Partners at October TV Fest

[NEW YORK, NY, August 12, 2015] – The NYTVF (www.nytvf.com), an organization dedicated to identifying and nurturing top independent creative talent and connecting it with networks, studios, digital media companies and brands, today announced the official selections for this year's [Independent Pilot Competition](#) (IPC). Fifty original television and web series pilots will be presented for industry executives and TV fans at the 11th Annual New York Television Festival. The independent television showcase will be held October 19-24, 2015 at The Helen Mills Theater and Event Space, with additional Festival events at the Tribeca Three Sixty° and SVA Theatre.

This year's IPC Official Selections will be vying for a chance to join NYTVF alumni currently enjoying TV development success. Past IPC projects recently in the news include: the two-season pick-up at HBO for 2013 Best Comedy *Animals*; a Jimmy Fallon-produced NBC pilot for 2013 Official Selection *Sharing*; the development of 2012 Best Comedy *Shrink* at Pivot; and 2014 Official Selection *The Jamz*, which is currently wrapping post-production as the first project under the NYTVF Productions banner, in partnership with indie distributor, The Orchard.

“We received more submissions than ever before and I can honestly say that this is the best line-up, top to bottom, that we've ever featured in 11 years of the Festival,” said NYTVF Founder and Executive Director **Terence Gray**. “We're seeing across-the-board improvements on both the creative and production sides with truly fresh voices that will be big draws for buyers and TV enthusiasts alike. It's very exciting to see the growth in the community and the level of creative firepower coming into the NYTVF, and we're thrilled to share these selections with the world.”

IPC winners will be chosen in a variety of categories (including “Best Comedy” and “Best Drama”) by a jury comprised of the NYTVF screening committee and the [NYTVF-HRTS Next Generation Committee](#), with awards being presented at a ceremony on the Festival's closing night. Additionally, as Official Artists, the creators of these pilots qualify for a chance to receive a development deal from one of the NYTVF's [Development Partners](#) – networks and studios which have guaranteed they will offer at least one deal to independent artists this year.

All development awards are chosen by the network or studio, independent of the jury, and will be presented at the NYTVF Awards Show on Saturday, October 24.

Official Artists have exclusive access to the NYTVF's Industry Partners through the [NYTVF Connect](#) marketplace, which includes the opportunities to meet, network and [pitch](#) some of the top network and studio executives in the business.

For buyers, agents, managers, development executives, and additional industry members interested in participating in the NYTVF Connect program, passes are available for purchase beginning today through mid-October, with early bird rates starting at \$500. The NYTVF Connect Industry Pass provides accredited participants with pre-Festival access to all officially-selected projects, as well as the opportunity to request meetings with artists or projects of interest via the NYTVF's Executive Hub. For information on participation opportunities or to request accreditation, email industry@nytvf.com or visit http://www.nytvf.com/2015_industry.html.

About the 2015 Independent Pilot Competition official selections:

The pilots selected for this year's IPC represent talented writers, producers and actors from across the U.S. – including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta, Tacoma, and Louisville, as well as international selections from the UK, Canada, Australia, and Germany. The metropolitan area claiming the most Official Selections is Los Angeles with 20, followed by New York (15) and Chicago (4).

Festival organizers noted several communities and themes with strong showings in this year's selections, including a number of projects stemming from New York comedy stalwarts Upright Citizen's Brigade and the People's Improv Theater (P.I.T.), as well as the Chicago outposts of Second City and iO.

Additionally, the New York theater community had a strong showing this year, with five selections featuring well-known performers and producers from Broadway, Off-Broadway, and the downtown cabaret set.

On the thematic end, the Festival will feature 10 pilots in the sci-fi/fantasy realm, and three that center on LGBT themes. As in previous years, the category with the most entries is comedy, with over 30 projects (both short-form and long-form) competing for Best Comedy.

The Official Selections also feature a number of names, faces, and voices recognizable to TV fans, including:

Minnie Driver (*Good Will Hunting, About a Boy*), **Cheri Oteri** (*Saturday Night Live*), **David Koechner** (*Saturday Night Live, Anchorman*), **Kelli O'Hara** (Broadway's *The King and I, South Pacific*), **Jillian Armenante** (*Judging Amy*), **Horatio Sanz** (*Saturday Night Live*), **Wayne Knight** (*Seinfeld*), **Andy Dick** (*NewsRadio*), **Hannibal Buress** (*Why? With Hannibal Buress, Broad City*), **Mike Doyle** (*Law & Order: SVU*), **Hana Mae Lee** (*Pitch Perfect*), **Matt Letscher** (*The Carrie Diaries, Eli Stone*), **Robin Lord Taylor** (*Gotham*), **Collette Wolfe** (*Interstellar, Cougar Town*), **Mitch Pileggi** (*The X-Files*), **Andrea Anders** (*Better Off Ted, Modern Family*), **Bridget Everett** (*Rock Bottom, Bridget Everett: Gynecological Wonder*), **Brad Leland** (*Friday Night Lights*), **Brian Letscher** (*Scandal*), **Paula Pell** (*30 Rock*), **Paula Poundstone** (*Wait Wait Don't Tell Me*), **Tony Revolori** (*The Grand Budapest Hotel*), **Michaela Watkins** (*Wet Hot American Summer: First Day of Camp, Trophy Wife*), **Arielle Kebbel** (*90210, UnREAL*), **Tyne Daly** (*Cagney & Lacey*), **Josh Meyers** (*MADtv*), **Clancy Brown** (*Sleepy Hollow, Carnivàle*), **Rebecca Field** (*The Client List*), **La Toya London** (*American Idol*), **Todd Grinnell** (*Desperate Housewives*), **Charles Michael Davis** (*The Originals*), **Michael Weston** (*House*), **Lauren Weedman** (*Looking*), **Ryan Farrell** (*Inside Amy Schumer*) and more.

Information on each pilot, including links to trailers where available:

2 Chans (Short-form Comedy)

Created by Meghan O'Neill and Becky Yamamoto - New York, NY
2 sisters, 1 webseries, 0 clues.

The Accidental Wolf (Dramatic Thriller)

Created by Arian Moayed - New York, NY

One woman's destructive obsession to uncover the truth behind an unexplained extermination of a remote African village. Created by Arian Moayed (Tony nominee for *Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo*, *Rock the Casbah*) and starring Kelli O'Hara (Tony winner for *The King and I*) and Mike Doyle (*Law and Order: SVU*).

Ana Mead (Short-form Comedy)

Created by Justin Gordon-Cooper - Los Angeles, CA

A comedy about a girl who was created in a video game...and uploaded into the real world as a social experiment.

Anamnesis (Dramatic Thriller)

Created by Alex Calleros and Michael Tucker - Los Angeles, CA

A group of strangers realize they're able to share each other's dreams; to understand why, they'll have to find each other in the real world.

Beyond (Dramedy)

Created by Tom Russell and Hunter Phillips - Provo, UT

A strange root appears in a small Midwestern town and causes those who taste its sap to lose their grip on reality.

Black Rose (Urban Drama)

Created by Harry Davis - New York, NY

Amidst a years-long search for her orphaned niece, an anthropology professor centers her research in a crime-ridden section of Brooklyn. When she discovers a wave of teen abductions in the area, her mission becomes a quest for truth - a quest that will threaten all she knows, including her life.

Blackouts (Sketch Comedy)

Created by Di Billick, Daniel Ennion, Joey Gilmore, Michael Grush, Toby McMullen and Eric Richter - Chicago, IL

A series of lightning-fast sketches ranging from silly to absurd and offering surprises at every turn.

Camp Abercorn (Dramedy)

Created by Jeffrey Simon - Los Angeles, CA

After their director is fired for being gay, the colorful staff of Camp Abercorn—a traditional boys camp—struggle to keep the spirit of camp alive under their militant new leader. Featuring Brad Leland (*Friday Night Lights*).

Couch House (Short-form Comedy)

Created by Lyra Smith, Marcia Belsky and Christy Coffey - New York, NY

Three girls have incredible adventures in the most exciting city in the world...mostly on their couch.

Croissant Man (Short-form Comedy)

Created by Tulica Singh - Los Angeles, CA

A depressed croissant searches for the meaning of life in the superficial world of bourgeois pastries.

Danny's Choice (Short-form Comedy)

Created by Doug Keeling and Alyssa Keeling - Louisville, KY

Set against a fever dream of hilarious PSAs "filmed" in 1993 Milwaukee, naive 11-year-old Danny is trying to survive the 5th grade one difficult choice at a time as his friends constantly peer pressure him to abandon his morals.

Dead John (Whodunit Comedy)

Created by Bob Borrmann and Luca Stein - Brooklyn, NY

Bob and Luca are in the middle of the most elaborate murder mystery ever told... and they couldn't care less.

Dr. Illegal (Drama)

Created by Jan Galli and Martin Rohé - Ludwigsburg, Baden-Württemberg, Germany

An asylum-seeking Iranian doctor, denied medical privileges in his new German home city, illegally treats his neighbors in the asylum seekers hostel where he now lives with his family.

Dream Writers (Workplace Comedy)

Created by Nathan Bach - Atlanta, GA

Three twenty-somethings, who write dreams for a secret organization, battle conflicting personalities and office politics as they struggle to keep their jobs.

Ex-Girlfiend (Short-form Comedy)

Created by Laura Grey and Lauren Ludwig - Los Angeles, CA

Gregor's life is thrown into chaos when his ex-girlfriend Anna shows up in his apartment as a ghost.

Focus Group (Short-form Comedy)

Created by Kevin Haulihan - Brooklyn, NY

Brian moderates focus groups. These focus groups shape the future of American industry, but probably shouldn't.

Funny Cause It's True (Unscripted Comedy)

Created by Victor Varnado - New York, NY

A "Mythbusters"-style look at the world of comedy that deconstructs a comedian's act from the inside out. Featuring Hannibal Buress (*Why? with Hannibal Buress, Broad City*).

Goodnight Jeffrey (Short-form Comedy)

Created by Tyler Smith - Chicago, IL

Jeffrey is a worrier, especially at night. Unable to fall asleep, he replays his day through the lens of his neurotic memory and imagination.

Harlem Knights (Sports Dramey)

Created by Ben Pitts, Kevin Morris, and Otoja Abit - New York, NY

Five former star basketball players reunite in an attempt to salvage their tarnished glory and rebuild their lives on and off the basketball court.

Help Yourself (Workplace Comedy)

Created by John Launchi, Mike Ryan, and Justin Ryan - New York, NY

To prepare for reentry into society, the derelict members of a work release program perform various community service jobs despite lacking work ethic, people skills, and the desire to service anybody but themselves.

The HOA (Comedy)

Created by Zora Bikangaga - Los Angeles, CA

A comedy that centers around a dysfunctional homeowners association and its larger than life characters, co-written by and starring Cheri Oteri (*Saturday Night Live*), and featuring Paula Poundstone (*Wait Wait Don't Tell Me*), and Horatio Sanz (*Saturday Night Live*).

Improvising (Comedy)

Created by Micah Sherman - New York, NY

Four comedians teach improv in New York City as events in their lives mirror what happens in class and vice versa.

The Incredible Life of Darrell (Short-form Comedy)

Created by Darrell Lake - Los Angeles, CA

The spectacularly mundane adventures of an incredibly average Joe in small town Wakooki, Arizona.

It's Megan (Sketch Comedy)

Created by Sarah Shook, Whit Conway, Blair Beeken, Chelsea Devantez, Asher Perlman, Niccole Thurman, Emily Walker and Adam Peacock - Chicago, IL

A feminist sketch group in bros' clothing -- provocative, irreverent, female-driven sketch about a male-driven world.

Jealous Dad (Short-form Comedy)

Created by Matt Evans - New York, NY

When actor Mark Shea's 7-year-old son unwittingly books a national commercial at one of Mark's auditions, Mark's jealousy gets the better of him causing him to resort to desperate measures.

Jersey Chasers (Investigative Drama)

Created by Skylar Harrison - Los Angeles, CA

When aspiring sports journalist Harper Payne discovers a dark secret about her college football team's star quarterback, she is faced with a decision that could make or break her career.

The Katering Show (Short-form Comedy)

Created by Kate McLennan and Kate McCartney - Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

The journey of a food intolerant, and an intolerable foodie.

Kittens in a Cage (Comedy)

Created by Jillian Armenante - Los Angeles, CA

A ukulele-playing bad girl gets sent up river and turns to the warm embrace of her pyromaniac cellmate. Created by and starring Jillian Armenante (*Judging Amy*) and starring Rebecca Field (*The Client List*), Lauren Weedman (*Looking*), and La Toya London (*American Idol*) and featuring Tyne Daly (*Cagney & Lacey*) and Michaela Watkins (*Wet Hot American Summer: First Day of Camp, Trophy Wife*).

Mamarazzi (Short-form Comedy)

Created by Loren Tarquinio - Los Angeles, CA

Two broke, single moms decide to become paparazzi as a last ditch effort to try to support themselves. Featuring Minnie Driver (*About a Boy*) and Andrea Anders (*Better Off Ted*, *Modern Family*).

The Midnight Anthology (Dramatic Thriller)

Created by Andrew Chan and Sherman Alan Kew Jr. - Los Angeles, CA

In the near future, where time-travel is possible and technology is heavily regulated, death row inmates send letters to their former selves to warn them of a destructive path. On the eve of his execution, an inmate sends a letter to his eight-year-old self...with a secret message that only he can decode. Featuring Clancy Brown (*Sleepy Hollow*, *Carnivàle*).

Monica (Short-form Comedy)

Created by Doron Max Hagay and Lily Marotta - New York, NY

A darkly comedic web series that imagines Monica Lewinsky's life in 2001 -- when she was 27 and living in New York City -- as she struggles to keep global notoriety from getting in the way of creating a life for herself.

Monster Hunters (Hidden Camera Comedy)

Created by Jonathan Dakin and Brigitta Szaszfai - Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, England

A unique hybrid format that combines hidden camera pranks with comedy, putting unsuspecting members of the public into the world of a horror movie.

More Money Than Sense (Panel Game Show)

Created by Kevin Muyolo and Reabetswe Moeti - Beaconsfield, England, UK

The comedy quiz show covering everything you DIDN'T know about money!

Moving On (Short-form Comedy)

Created by Marcia Fields and Mike Spear - New York, NY and Los Angeles, CA

Get to know the moving company you call when you want someone moved out of your office, out of your home, or just plain out of your life; because at Moving On, it's their business to get personal.

Starring Robin Lord Taylor (*Gotham*) and Ryan Farrell (*Inside Amy Schumer*).

New Partner (Short-form Comedy)

Created by Josh Margolin and Quinn Beswick - Los Angeles, CA

Welcome to the the cursed existence of Ron Robinson, a cop who can't stop getting his partners killed. Featuring Wayne Knight (*Seinfeld*).

One and Done (Comedy)

Created by Matt Letscher and Nipper Knapp - Los Angeles, CA

Four middle-aged friends try to escape their responsibilities and failures, marriages and divorces, children and lack thereof... through basketball. Co-created by and starring Matt Letscher (*The Carrie Diaries*, *Eli Stone*) and co-starring Brian Letscher (*Scandal*).

The Other Kennedys (Short-form Comedy)

Created by Shane Tilston - New York, NY

Marshall and James are cousins and very distant relatives of the Kennedys. So distant they've never been considered part of the family.

The Parker Tribe (Family Drama)

Created by Jane Baker - Brattleboro, VT

Living life in suburban Philadelphia in the late 1970s is both hilarious and painful for Mary “Jo” Parker, a 13-year-old tomboy in a large Irish Catholic family. Starring David Koechner (*Saturday Night Live*, *Anchorman*) and Paula Pell (*30 Rock*).

Phoenix Run (Dramatic Thriller)

Created by TJ Walker - Tacoma, WA

In a near post-pandemic future where superheroes and zombies exist, a street-smart smuggler takes a job to hijack a vaccine shipment and finds himself in possession of an experimental serum that could cure the world’s Superhuman pandemic.

The Real American (Dramedy)

Created by Darya Zhuk and Guy Cimbalo - New York, NY

Fresh off-the-boat, Soviet exchange student Alya boldly faces off with cultural differences as she celebrates her 17th birthday in 1994.

Riftworld (Drama)

Created by Jonathan Williams, Andrew Nicholas McCann Smith, and Laura Perlmutter - Toronto, ON, CA

A struggling journalist teams up with a dimension-traveling wizard to help him find his way home. Starring Tahmoh Penikett (*Battlestar Galactica*) and Erin Karpluk (*Being Erica*, *Rookie Blue*).

Saving a Legend (Comedy)

Created by James Chupka and Murf Meyer - Brooklyn, NY

An over-the-hill porn star and an eighteen-year-old Evangelical Christian are stuck navigating campus life together at a small Pennsylvania university after they are paired up in the same freshman dorm room. Featuring Bridget Everett (*Rock Bottom*, *Bridget Everett: Gynecological Wonder*).

School Nurse (Short-form Comedy)

Created by Tom Beach, Laura Boersma, and John Stewart Muller - Los Angeles, CA

A family-friendly sitcom following Nurse Patty Patterson and the hilarious faculty and students of Millard Fillmore Elementary School. Starring Collette Wolfe (*Interstellar*, *Cougar Town*) and Todd Grinnell (*Desperate Housewives*).

Securocam 3000 (Short-form Comedy)

Created by Andy Zou and Jay Owen Eisenberg - New York, NY

In an absurd vision of the year 2222, Xander McGuff and Ace Johnson are two dopey state employees of their all-seeing, totalitarian, Big Brother government, tasked with the mundane job of monitoring the world's security cameras.

Settled (Short-form Comedy)

Created by Blair Beeken and Asher Perlman - Chicago, IL

A married couple of suburban doofuses experience life’s parade of mundane frustrations, most of which are self-inflicted.

Sox News (Puppet Comedy)

Created by Tyrus Emory, Sam Jay Gold, Christina Hurtado-Pierson, Chris Ford, and Austin Sanders - New York, NY

Watch the ragtag team behind the unwatched evening news show “Touching America” as they race to the bottom on their way back to the top of the ratings. Also, they’re sock puppets.

Special Delivery (Short-form Comedy)

Created by Greg Ash and Sasha Feldman - Los Angeles, CA

LA pizza delivery boy Mickey has a full proof plan to win the heart of his favorite customer Rachel Jones. What could possibly go wrong? Starring Tony Revolori (*The Grand Budapest Hotel*) and featuring Arielle Kebbel (*90210*, *UnREAL*).

Steve's Jobs (Comedy)

Created by Ben Rosen - Los Angeles, CA

Post-grad slacker Steve starts an odd jobs business, but one of his first clients needs help arranging a marriage proposal to Steve's high school girlfriend.

Suburbia M.D. (Short-form Comedy)

Created by Gabriel Oliva - Los Angeles, CA

Fresh out of med school, Dr. Nick Thurmond starts his first professional job in a suburban San Diego medical clinic where the employees need a cure more than the patients. Featuring Josh Meyers (*MADtv*).

Ur In Analysis (Comedy)

Created by Mickey Gooch, Jr. - Los Angeles, CA

The recovering addict son of a high powered politician moves into a sober living home inhabited by a motley group of other recovering addicts and a bankrupt owner. Featuring Hana Mae Lee (*Pitch Perfect*), Charles Michael Davis (*The Originals*), Mitch Pileggi (*The X-Files*), Michael Weston (*House*) and Andy Dick (*NewsRadio*).

About the NYTVF

Established in 2005, the NYTVF constructs new and innovative paths of development and talent identification, while simultaneously complementing the traditional television development model. By partnering directly with networks, studios, production companies, digital platforms and brands, the NYTVF provides its Industry Partners with a streamlined development model, leveraging its vast creative community of over 15,000 independent producers and production companies, to create content with specific partners in mind. During the annual New York Television Festival – held each fall in New York City – the NYTVF brings together its top artists and industry decision-makers for a series of events designed to foster networking, collaboration and education. The Festival also marks the culmination of the organization's yearly development efforts and features screenings of top independent content, educational panels, fan events, red carpet premieres, and more. For more information on the NYTVF and the annual Festival, visit www.nytvf.com, and to learn about opportunities to submit for its year-round competitions, visit <http://www.nytvf.com/submit.html>.

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