

NEW YORK TELEVISION FESTIVAL UNVEILS SCHEDULE FOR FIRST SUMMER EDITION, WITH OPENING WEEKEND LINEUP TO INCLUDE THE NEW “CREATOR BOOTCAMP” AND RETURNING “WRITERS ROOM”

Program Includes Special Lineup with Longtime Partner truTV, Showcasing New Original Series BOBCAT GOLDTHWAIT'S MISFITS & MONSTERS and PAID OFF WITH MICHAEL TORPEY, while Audible, the Television Academy, Topic, Red Arrow Studios, and WGA East will Host Special Events

Keynotes Include Executives Sarah Barnett (BBC AMERICA) and Kathleen McCaffrey (HBO) and Writers Sarah Schneider and Chris Kelly (The Other Two, Saturday Night Live)

Festival Celebrates Move to the Summer and Expansion to Seven Days (July 14-20) with Most Panels and Artist-Only Development Chats in its History, Hundreds of Development Meetings, plus Screenings and Creator Q&As for Annual Independent Pilot Competition's 59 Official Selections

[NEW YORK, NY, June 29, 2018] – The [NYTVF](#) today announced schedule highlights for the 14th annual New York Television Festival, which takes place for the first time in the summer – from Saturday, July 14 through Friday, July 20, 2018 at the Helen Mills Theater and Event Space and SVA Theatre in Manhattan.

In addition to a showcase of the previously-announced [59 Official Selections](#) in the flagship **Independent Pilot Competition** (IPC) [held Saturday through Thursday](#) – including 45 World Festival Premieres – the NYTVF will again host several series of events for the more than 300 Official Artists who have been invited to the Festival; executives from NYTVF industry partners representing the leading TV networks, studios, digital companies and agencies; as well [Industry Pass holders](#) and TV fans.

This includes an opening weekend featuring the new “**Creator Bootcamp**” presented in partnership with **CBS Entertainment Diversity and Inclusion** on Saturday, and the returning “**NYTVF Writers Room**” on Sunday. The Writers Room will be keynoted by **Sarah Schneider** and **Chris Kelly** – former co-head writers for *Saturday Night Live* and writers and executive producers for the new Comedy Central series *The Other Two*. Panel discussions throughout the weekend will include writers from *The Break with Michelle Wolf*, *High Maintenance*, *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt* and more to be announced.

Network and studio events include a case study on the development of truTV's new comedy game show ***Paid Off with Michael Torpey***, followed by a Q&A and exclusive look at the network's new original anthology series ***Bobcat Goldthwait's Misfits & Monsters***. Additionally, **WGA East** is presenting “**TV Pilots Resurrected**,” featuring readings of an unproduced comedy and drama pilot by experienced industry pros, followed by a Q&A with the writers and a reception. Other special events during the Festival are being hosted by **Audible**, **BBC AMERICA**, **Topic**, **Red Arrow Studios**, and **the Television Academy**.

Additionally, keynotes and panel discussions are scheduled that tackle topics relevant both to the independent television community and the industry at large. These include BBC AMERICA President and General Manager **Sarah Barnett** and HBO SVP of Programming **Kathleen McCaffrey**, who will talk about their careers, networks and advice they have for up-and-coming creators. Filling out the industry line-up are panels targeting topicality in a 24-hour news cycle from Loeb & Loeb LLP, navigating your first deal with FKKS PC, and the reemergence of family co-viewing from BYUtv. Full details of all discussions are below.

The [box office](#) for this year's Festival opens today, along with the full schedule for the week, event ticketing and pass information. This includes the option to purchase Festival or Industry Passes – which provide access to all of the below events – as well as tickets to individual events, many of which are free or just \$5 with advance registration.

These public events join a lineup of **invitation-only activities** that take place throughout the week, open only to Official Artists. These include 17 **Development Chats**, during which indie producers, writers and other creators will hear directly from executives representing NYTVF industry partners including **3Arts**, **ABC Studios**, **Audible**, **CAA**, **Comedy Central**, **Funny Or Die**, **Gersh**, **HBO**, **Hulu**, **ICM**, **Lionsgate**, **OneX**, **Red Arrow Studios**, **Topic**, **truTV**, **WE tv** and **WME**.

Additionally, industry attendees will have the opportunity throughout the Festival to discover, network with, hear pitches from and – in many cases – sign deals with new talent. For example, at last year’s **NYTVF Connect Marketplace**, a record-breaking 600 meetings were facilitated by NYTVF between Official Artists and decision-makers representing 77 companies. Development deals and winners in the pilot and script competitions will be announced at the **NYTVF Awards** brunch taking place to wrap up the Festival on Friday, July 20.

“We’re very excited for our first summer installment and a Festival line-up that is truly focused on the core mission of the NYTVF – to showcase, foster, and cultivate the best and boldest indie creators and provide a viable marketplace for our industry participants,” said NYTVF founder Terence Gray. “As the festival landscape continues to embrace episodic and television is featured at events across the country and around the world, the New York Television Festival remains a destination for those truly invested in the discovery and celebration of great talent.”

New York Television Festival 2018 Event Line-Up

Location: Helen Mills Theater and Event Space (unless otherwise noted below)

Saturday, July 14, 2018

- **Creator Bootcamp – Pitch This!**

Presented in partnership with CBS Entertainment Diversity and Inclusion

[2:15 PM; OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS & PASSHOLDERS ONLY]

Confirmed panelists include:

- Jeanne Mau – Vice President, Entertainment Diversity and Inclusion, CBS Entertainment
- Jim Colgan – Executive Producer, Audible, Inc.
- Archie Bell – Vice President, Creative Director, One Solution / One X
- Bryan Terry – Vice President of Development and Original Programming, truTV

- **Creator Bootcamp – Where Am I Now?**

Presented in partnership with CBS Entertainment Diversity and Inclusion

[3:30 PM; OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS & PASSHOLDERS ONLY]

Confirmed panelists include:

- Jeanne Mau – Vice President, Entertainment Diversity and Inclusion, CBS Entertainment
- Jose Acevedo – Senior Manager, Original Programming and Development, Comedy Central
- Additional speakers to be announced

- **Independent Pilot Competition screenings and creator Q&As**

[3:45-9:30 PM; REFER TO THE BOX OFFICE FOR TIMES; PASS OR TICKET REQUIRED]

- *Smüchr, Slug Seeks Shell, Alive in Denver*
- *Rooftop Kings, Ghost Squad, True Puppet Theater, The North Pole Gang*
- *Avenues, Cross Stitch*
- *Avant-Guardians, Everyone Is Doing Great, susaneLand*

- **Audible Presents: Artist + Industry Kick-Off**

[6:00 PM; OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS AND PASSHOLDERS ONLY]

Sunday, July 15, 2018

- **NYTVF Writers Room – Hot Packets: Getting Staffed and Landing a Late-Night Gig**
[1:00 PM; OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS & PASSHOLDERS ONLY]

Confirmed panelists include the following NYTVF alumni:

- Jo Firestone – Comedian/Writer, *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*
- Dewayne Perkins – Writer, *The Break with Michelle Wolf*
- Nicole Silverberg – Writer, *Full Frontal with Samantha Bee*
- Justin Tyler – Writer, *The Opposition with Jordan Klepper, Comedy Knockout*

- **NYTVF Writers Room – Writ Large: Inclusivity and Diversity in the Writers' Room**
[2:15 PM; OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS & PASSHOLDERS ONLY]

Confirmed panelists include:

- Jeanne Mau – Vice President, Entertainment Diversity and Inclusion, CBS Entertainment
- Jenna Bond – Member Services Manager, Writers Guild of America East
- Additional speakers to be announced

- **NYTVF Writers Room – Now What: Navigating Your First Job in the Writers' Room**
[3:45 PM; OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS & PASSHOLDERS ONLY]

Confirmed panelists include:

- Mitra Jouhari – Writer, *High Maintenance*
- Nick Bernardone – Writer, *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*
- Emmy Blotnick – Comedian/Writer, *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, The President Show*
- Jasmine Pierce – Writer, *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*

- **NYTVF Writers Room – Keynote Conversation: Sarah Schneider and Chris Kelly** – Charting their partnership from writers room at *Saturday Night Live* to the helm of their first original series (the upcoming *The Other Two* for Comedy Central), the conversation will explore the collaborative writing process of their multi-year partnership, what it takes to succeed in New York comedy, and what's next for one of comedy's most successful young teams.
[5:00 PM; OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS & PASSHOLDERS ONLY]

- **Independent Pilot Competition screenings and creator Q&As**
[2:00-9:00 PM; REFER TO THE BOX OFFICE FOR TIMES; PASS OR TICKET REQUIRED]

- *Framed, John Loos: Too Big For This World, Ghost Girl, Queers!*
- *The Applicant, Control, The Fourth Kind, Night Call*
- *Zett, Paint*
- *Mr. Nice Girls, Kristal Clear, Carol's A Demon, It Girl Gay Assistant*

Monday, July 16, 2018

- **Panel – Producing Indie Pilots in the Era of Peak Television**

[11:00 AM; OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS & PASSHOLDERS ONLY]

Confirmed panelists include:

- Colby Gaines – Executive Producer and Founder, Back Roads Entertainment
- Lisa Ann Walter – Comedian, Creator, Actress
- Evan Shapiro – Producer and Founder, eshapTV
- Krysia Plonka – Co-Owner and Executive Producer, Thank You, Brain! Productions

- **Panel – NYTVF Connect Keynote Conversation: The Next Generation of Appointment Viewing: Developing Relevant Content in a Relentless News Cycle and Hyper-Connected World**

[2:15 PM; OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS & PASSHOLDERS ONLY]

Confirmed panelists include:

- Nick Ascheim – SVP, NBC News Digital
- Banks Tarver – Co-Founder/Co-President, Left/Right; Executive Producer, Showtime's *The Circus*
- Moderator: Marc Chamlin – Chair, Television, Loeb & Loeb

- **Panel – The State of Comedy**

[3:45 PM; OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS & PASSHOLDERS ONLY]

- Speakers to be announced

- **Executive Keynote Conversation: Sarah Barnett, President and General Manager, BBC AMERICA** [5:00 PM; OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS & PASSHOLDERS ONLY]

- **BBC AMERICA Happy Hour**

[6:00 PM; OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS AND PASSHOLDERS ONLY]

- **TV Pilots Resurrected: Presented by WGA East** – This WGAE program culminates at the New York Television Festival with readings of one comedy and one drama (previously selected from eight finalists) each a previously unproduced television pilot. The readings will be cast, directed and performed by experienced industry professionals, followed by a Q&A with writers **Tom Ruprecht** (Writer, *The Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore*, *Late Show with David Letterman*) and **Yael Galena** (Writer's Assistant, *Claws*), moderated by **Stuart Zicherman** (Showrunner, Writer/Producer, *Sweetbitter*, *Divorce*, *The Affair*, *The Americans*). A reception will follow.

[7:30 PM; PASS OR FREE TICKET REQUIRED]

- **Independent Pilot Competition screenings and creator Q&As**

[6:30-10:30 PM; REFER TO THE BOX OFFICE FOR TIMES; PASS OR TICKET REQUIRED]

- *2some*, *Playdates*
- *Seeds*, *Mixed*, *Good Hombres*, *The Cocoa Fondue Show*
- *The Gary Gold Story*, *12 Beers*, *Brown Ops*, *Omega House*

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

- **Executive Keynote Conversation: Kathleen McCaffrey, SVP of Programming, HBO**
[3:00 PM; OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS & PASSHOLDERS ONLY]
- **NYTVF Connect Case Study: truTV's PAID OFF WITH MICHAEL TORPEY** – truTV's new game show fights the student debt crisis with comedy, letting college grads answer fun, fast-paced trivia in an attempt to have their student loan debt wiped out. In this in-depth look at TV development, the NYTVF welcomes the team behind *Paid Off with Michael Torpey* to discuss the journey of taking the show from conception to development to production. Co-creator and host **Michael Torpey** will be joined by executive producers **Michael Melamedoff**, **Ethan Berlin** and **Leigh Hampton**, and truTV SVP of Development and Original Programming **Lesley Goldman**.
[4:30 PM; OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS & PASSHOLDERS ONLY]
- **truTV Happy Hour**
[5:30 PM; OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS AND PASSHOLDERS ONLY]
- **truTV Presents BOBCAT GOLDTHWAIT'S MISFITS & MONSTERS** – Comedian and celebrated writer-director Bobcat Goldthwait brings his twisted imagination to television in truTV's new comedic anthology series. Join the NYTVF and truTV for a special sneak peek of the eight-episode series, which mashes up wildly different genres to tell suspenseful, satirical stories. The screening will be followed by a conversation with **Bobcat Goldthwait** and guest stars **Dave Foley** and **David Koechner**.
[7:30 PM AT THE [SVA THEATRE](#); PASS OR FREE TICKET REQUIRED]
- **Topic Presents: A Celebration of Short-Form Storytelling** – It's been a year since [Topic.com](#), the digital storytelling site from First Look Media, launched. Join Topic's SVP of Editorial, **Anna Holmes**; filmmaker **Nadia Hallgren** (*She's the Ticket*); **Dan Powell** (Executive Producer of Netflix's *The Break with Michelle Wolf*) and other leading creators as they discuss developing scripted and non-scripted short-form content for today's audience.
[7:30 PM; OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS AND PASSHOLDERS ONLY]
- **Independent Pilot Competition screenings and creator Q&As**
[6:30-10:30 PM; REFER TO THE BOX OFFICE FOR TIMES; PASS OR TICKET REQUIRED]
 - *Bothered, Show Us Your Goods, Rock Bottom, Ian Owes U*
 - *Dirt, Cuff, Midnights*
 - *The Water Cooler, Run For Your Life, Kappa Force*

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

- **Red Arrow Studios Development Round Tables** – Built to foster discussion and learning opportunities for Artists in the Festival, a top selection of creators will pitch their series ideas in front of Red Arrow executives, agents/managers, and their fellow Artists, coached and questioned to strengthen their materials and their pitching skills. Following the workshops, a small selection of Finalists will pitch in front of a panel of Red Arrow Studios executives for the chance at a development deal with the international power player.
[10:00 AM; OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS ONLY]
- **Television Academy Industry Party** – Join the Television Academy and the NYTVF for an exclusive Industry event, open to Academy membership and NYTVF Industry and Festival passholders, including network, studio, platform, production company, agency, and management partners.
[6:30 PM; INVITE-ONLY]
- **Independent Pilot Competition screenings and creator Q&As**
[6:30-9:30 PM; REFER TO THE BOX OFFICE FOR TIMES; PASS OR TICKET REQUIRED]
 - *Tenure, Hammerhead*
 - *Devil's Got My Back, Hummingbird*

Thursday, July 19, 2018

- **Panel – Navigating Your First Deal, Presented in Partnership with Frankfurt, Kurnit, Klein, & Selz, PC** [3:00 PM; OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS & PASSHOLDERS ONLY]

Confirmed panelists include:

- Richard Hofstetter – Partner, Entertainment Group, FKKS; NYTVF Executive Advisory Board Member

- **Panel – Co-Viewing: How to Make Content a Family Affair** [4:00 PM; OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS & PASSHOLDERS ONLY]

Confirmed panelists include:

- Andra Johnson Duke – Director of Content, BYUtv
- Michael Dunn – Managing Director, BYUtv
- Dave Noll – Producer/Creator, Keller/Noll
- Additional speakers to be announced

- **Panel – AMA (Ask Me Anything) Executive Panel** [5:00 PM; OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS & PASSHOLDERS ONLY]

Confirmed panelists include:

- Becca Kinsky – Funny or Die
- Andrew Singer – Director of Development, Tornante TV
- Laura Schwartz – Director of Development, New Form
- Additional speakers to be announced

- **Panel – AMA (Ask Me Anything) Showrunner** – Showrunners are the life force of the modern television series, and this moderated Q&A session with **R.J. Fried** (Showrunner, Executive Producer, and Writer, Showtime's *Our Cartoon President*) will provide artists with an all-access forum on one of the toughest (and coolest) jobs in the world. [6:30 PM; OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS & PASSHOLDERS ONLY]

- **Panel – Tell Your Story: A Multi-Hyphenate's Guide to Creating Your Own Series** [7:30 PM; OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS & PASSHOLDERS ONLY]

Confirmed panelists include:

- James Lafferty – Creator/Star, *Everyone is Doing Great*; Actor, *One Tree Hill*
- Stephen Colletti – Creator/Star, *Everyone is Doing Great*; Actor, *One Tree Hill*
- Cait Cortelyou – Actor/Producer/Creator, *Ask for Jane*; Actor, *The Knick*
- Alyssa Limperis – Actor/Writer/Comedian, Conde Nast's *The Scene*
- Additional speakers to be announced

- **Independent Pilot Competition screenings and creator Q&As** [6:30-10:45 PM; REFER TO THE BOX OFFICE FOR TIMES; PASS OR TICKET REQUIRED]
 - *The Gentrifiers*, *Confused*
 - *The Mission*, *Brooklyn Moving Company*, *Urban Press*, *Robits*
 - *Work Buds*, *The Passage*, *Tommy Wants His Mommy*

Friday, July 20, 2018

- **The NYTVF Awards Brunch** marks the end of the 14th Annual New York Television Festival, naming the **Independent Pilot Competition** and **NYTVF Scripts** initiative winners, and handing out deals from NYTVF development partners. [OPEN TO OFFICIAL ARTISTS & PASSHOLDERS]

To register for tickets or passes to these or any Festival events, visit nytvf.com and click on “ATTEND.”

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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 18,000 independent producers and production companies, to create content with specific partners in mind. During the annual New York Television Festival – held each year 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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