

TRIBECA TV[®] FESTIVAL INVITES GLOBAL AUDIENCES TO HEAR FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS BEHIND HIT SHOWS AND HIGHLY ANTICIPATED NEW PROGRAMMING ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Tribeca to livestream conversations including a special Will & Grace reunion, Queen Sugar, Trevor Noah, and more

NEW YORK, NY– September 21, 2017 – Following the success of the Facebook Live broadcasts during the 2017 Tribeca Film Festival, presented by AT&T, which saw 17 talks with creatives from in front of and behind the camera viewed more than 4 million times, the Tribeca $TV^{\text{®}}$ Festival will exclusively livestream talks from its inaugural lineup on Facebook Live, bringing some of the biggest names in television to homes across the globe.

Viewers will be invited to watch sold-out conversations with stars including **Oprah Winfrey, Michael Strahan, Trevor Noah, Amy Sedaris, Kyra Sedgwick, Samira Wiley, Debra Messing, Eric McCormack, Sean Hayes & Megan Mullally**, alongside the creative minds behind the shows during the three-day Festival. The Tribeca TV Festival runs September 22-24.

The talks will be available to watch exclusively via Facebook Live on Tribeca's Facebook page: <u>Facebook.com/Tribeca</u>. For real-time updates throughout the Festival, please visit: www.tribecafilm.com/TVfestival

Most of the livestreamed talks will be preceded at the Festival by screenings. All times listed are Eastern Daylight Time. The Tribeca TV Festival Facebook Live schedule is as follows.

Friday, September 22

4:45PM: Religion of Sports (AT&T AUDIENCE Network) – Season 2 Premiere

Tune in to hear **Michael Strahan & Gotham Chopra** discuss the making of the documentary, which follows two teams in St. Pauli – a super liberal district of Hamburg, Germany, which has recently received over 400,000 refugees. At the heart of the city is FC St. Pauli, a soccer team who like their very loyal fans, have embraced social responsibility to their city and to their members. FC St. Pauli sponsors an amateur football team of refugees named FC Lampedusa. They give them a home, a place to join society, and a sense of belonging.

6:15PM: Released (OWN) – New York Premiere

In a country with the highest rate of incarceration in the world, what does it take to succeed in the crucial first 90 days after being released from prison? Intimately following the stories of former inmates from the moment they walk out the prison doors, OWN's new documentary series *Released* examines the realities and challenges of life after incarceration. Executive producer **Oprah Winfrey** will be joined by fellow executive producer **Jon Sinclair**, consulting producer **Shaka Senghor** & showrunner **Keayr Braxton** for an in-depth conversation about their powerful show and the nationwide issue of mass incarceration.

8:45PM: At Home with Amy Sedaris (truTV) – Series Premiere – World Premiere

Strangers with Candy, BoJack Horseman, Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt: Amy Sedaris is one of the great comic performers of our day. But did you know she is also a superlative homemaker and entertainer of guests? **Amy Sedaris & Paul Dinello** will joined by moderator **Andy Cohen** to discuss the creation of her new comedy series, how they've partnered together through the years and how Amy maintains her unique vision across mediums of film, TV, print, publishing, and live performance.

Saturday, September 23

4:45PM: Gotham (FOX) – Special Sneak Peek

Executive producer **Danny Cannon** will be joined by several of the remarkable ensemble cast, including **Ben McKenzie, Robin Lord Taylor, Jessica Lucas** & **Erin Richards** to discuss *Gotham,* the story of one cop as he navigates a dangerously corrupt city, and chronicles the birth of one of the most popular superheroes of our time. The panelists will offer a sneak peek at this new phase of New York's best known alter-ego, as Gotham (the city) and *Gotham* (the show) both enter a new and exciting chapter.

6:05PM: *Pillow Talk* (Blackpills) – Season 2 – New York Premiere

Writer-director and Tribeca Film Festival alum **Mike Piscitelli** (*God Bless Ozzy Osbourne*), writer **Rachael Taylor** (*Jessica Jones*) & star **Patrick J. Adams** (*Suits*) will host a conversation with the creative team about bringing an indie aesthetic to short form content, and *Pillow Talk*'s masterful balance of humor and emotional heft.

7:00PM: Will & Grace (NBC) – Exclusive Special Conversation

In our era of ubiquitous remakes and reboots, is there any more anticipated reunion than the original cast of *Will & Grace*? A decade after their unforgettable eight-season run, **Debra Messing, Eric McCormack, Sean Hayes & Megan Mullally** reprise their iconic roles as Will, Grace, Jack and Karen. On the eve of their new series launching September 28th, the fabulous foursome will be joined by co-creators/executive producers **Max Mutchnick & David Kohan** for an intimate, and sure-to-be hilarious conversation about what to expect from our favorite 2000s New Yorkers in 2017.

8:25PM: Liar (SundanceTV) – Series Premiere – International Premiere

Creators **Jack & Harry Williams**, will be joined by star **Joanne Froggatt** (*Downton Abbey*) for a conversation about their new intimate, twisting crime thriller where each new clue peels back another layer of two complex characters. They will discuss how they use current events to create dramatic tension and approach the thriller from a distinctly character-driven POV and what we can expect next after episode one's bombshell first date.

9:20PM: Ryan Hansen Solves Crimes on Television* (YouTube Red) – Series World Premiere

Ryan Hansen (*Veronica Mars, Party Down*), **Samira Wiley** (*The Handmaid's Tale, Orange Is The New Black*), series creator, writer, director and executive producer **Rawson Marshall Thurber** & executive producer **Beau Bauman** will participate in a moderated conversation as they discuss the creation of the uproarious police comedy that turns both the cop genre, and the impact of digital streaming, on its ear.

Sunday, September 24

2:30PM: Trevor Noah & the Writers of The Daily Show – Exclusive Special Conversation

In today's mercurial political landscape, where the news can change on a dime, how does **The Daily Show** stay current with just 24 hours to write and execute each episode? Offering a sneak peek behind the show's iconic news desk, host **Trevor Noah** will be joined by **Steve Bodow** (executive producer & writer), **Zhubin Parang** (head writer), **Michelle Wolf** (on-air contributor & writer) & **Joe Opio** (writer) to shed light on what goes into the day-to-day making of **The Daily Show** - from the writers' room to the live studio audience. At a moment in history when more audiences than ever are turning to late night comedy for their news, what is the responsibility of comedians to fill the role of traditional news broadcasters?

4:30PM: Ten Days in the Valley (ABC) – Series Premiere

Emmy winner **Kyra Sedgwick**, will be joined by the rest of her all-female creative team, Creator **Tassie Cameron**, fellow executive producers **Marcy Ross**, **Sherry** White, Jill **Littman & Casey Engelhardt**, for an illuminating conversation about the series, which gives a smart and surprising take on the TV mystery-procedural.

5:45PM: Red Oaks (Amazon) – Season 3 Premiere – World Premiere

Stars Paul Reiser, Craig Roberts, Alexandra Turshen, Ennis Esmer, Richard Kind, Alexandra Socha, & director Amy Heckerling will be joined by creators Joe Gangemi & Gregory Jacobs and executive producer David Gordon Green to reflect on their delightful gem of a show, its deft balance of comedy, drama, and nostalgia, and what new and returning audiences can look forward to this season.

7:55PM: Queen Sugar (OWN) – Season 2 – Midseason Premiere

Rutina Wesley, Dawn-Lyen Gardner & Kofi Siriboe, will discuss the series, which follows the Bordelon siblings as they struggle to move forward with their lives and strive to honor the legacy of their father following his unexpected passing. The cast will discuss their acclaimed performances and rich characters, working with an all-female directing team, and maybe providing a few clues as to how Season 2 will end.

Tickets to attend the Tribeca TV Festival events in person are now on sale and can be purchased online at <u>www.tribecafilm.com/tvfestival</u>. For additional information on ticket sales, email boxoffice@tribecafilm.com.

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ABOUT THE TRIBECA TV FESTIVAL

Tribeca TV Festival, presented by AT&T, brings people together to discover and celebrate episodic storytelling on any screen - from TV to online, mobile to VR. The inaugural event, created by Tribeca Enterprises, parent company of the Tribeca Film Festival, is an extension of Tribeca's April TV program into a standalone fall TV Festival and is the first dedicated TV festival created by a film festival. Tribeca TV runs September 22-24, 2017 in New York City.

Tribeca has a great tradition of introducing audiences to critically acclaimed and commercially successful episodic shows including *The Night Of* (HBO), *The Handmaid's Tale* (Hulu), *The Night Manager* (AMC), *Genius* (National Geographic), *Mr. Robot* (USA Network), *Roots* (History); debuted new seasons and sneaked special episodes of returning fan favorites like *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt* (Netflix), *Broad City* (Comedy Central), *Grace and Frankie* (Netflix); hosted special event screenings for programs like *O.J.: Made in America* (ESPN Films); and brought cast and filmmakers together for one-night-only conversations celebrating TV milestones such as the finale of *The Good Wife* (CBS) and the 15th anniversary of *Six Feet Under* (HBO)'s final episode.

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