

**** SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL EVENTS AND INDUSTRY PANELS BELOW BY DATE****
(Additions to Be Announced asap**)**

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

EPSTEIN'S SHADOW: GHISLAINE MAXWELL (Peacock; June 24)-OPENING NIGHT EVENT

*In Attendance: **Barbara Shearer** (Director & Executive Producer), **Jennifer Harkness, Nina Burleigh and Emma Cooper** (Executive Producers)*

The documentary series will investigate the powerful, connected, and mysterious Ghislaine Maxwell, who was once the heiress to the Maxwell fortune but whose life takes a sordid downturn when she meets Jeffrey Epstein, the serial sex offender. This investigative series will reveal a complicated story of power, sex, and money, which leads to Ghislaine Maxwell's arrest awaiting trial in November 2021. The series, titled "Ghislaine Maxwell: Epstein's Shadow," will also premiere on Sky Documentaries and streaming service NOW in the UK on June 28.

INSIDE LOOK: THE DAILY SHOW WITH TREVOR NOAH (Comedy Central; Weeknights)-PANEL

*In Attendance: **Desi Lydic and Dulcé Sloan** (Correspondents), **Jen Flanz** (Executive Producer and Showrunner), **Zhubin Parang** (Supervising Producer and Writer), and **Dan Amira** (Head Writer and Producer)*

Between a global pandemic and countless social justice crises this past year, *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah* offered both levity and crucial commentary on some of today's most uncomfortable truths. Sit down with *The Daily Show's* creative team to discuss how the show works behind the scenes to tackle tough conversations, elevate underrepresented voices and navigate the unforeseen challenges of 2020—all while making the audience laugh. Veteran creatives and correspondents share their insight on what it takes to make a successful show and keep audiences engaged 24/7 with not just the program, but also more broadly with the world around them.

INNOVATION TALK WITH ANN DOWD -SPECIAL EVENT

Presented in partnership with Liberty Global

Opening night, SeriesFest will present the SeriesFest Impact in Television Award to the indelible Ann Dowd for her contributions to episodic television. Ann Dowd has portrayed roles that have allowed audiences to experience unexplored facets of the human condition and brought worlds to life in ways most wouldn't have dared to explore. From the "Handmaid's Tale" to the "Leftovers" and "Masters of Sex," she has pushed boundaries with the unique perspectives and characters she brings to life. Her work has continued to inspire and support diverse communities of artists, especially women, both on and off the screen

Join us as we step out of Gillead to honor a formidable actor with a conversation about her vast achievements that have impacted women on and off screen.

CITY SO REAL (National Geographic) - SPECIAL SCREENING and Q&A

Presented in partnership with Visible

In Attendance: Award-winning filmmaker, Steve James, Zak Piper and Amara Enyia

Moderator: Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune

Academy Award®-nominated filmmaker Steve James' fascinating and complex portrait of contemporary Chicago delivers a deep, multifaceted look into the soul of a quintessentially American city, set against the backdrop of its history-making 2019 mayoral election, and the tumultuous 2020 summer of COVID-19 and social upheaval following the death of George Floyd.

Friday, June 25

INNOVATION TALK WITH JENNIFER GARNER-SPECIAL EVENT

Presented in partnership with Liberty Global and Once Upon a Time Productions

In Attendance: Jennifer Garner (Award-winning actor) and ***Krista***

Smith (Netflix, SeriesFest Board of Directors)

From the legendary Sydney Bristow in *Alias*, busting some serious moves in *13 Going on 30*, and giving us a look into her life via social media, no one can deny the joy, authenticity, and creativity Jennifer Garner brings us every time she steps in front of the camera. Join Krista Smith, host of Netflix podcast *Present Company*, and Garner for an intimate discussion on her career in entertainment, and the launch of her plant-based kid nutrition company, *Once Upon a Farm*, and her philanthropic work in partnership with Save the Children and their initiative #SaveWithStories.

THE REPUBLIC OF SARAH (CW; Premieres June 14)-SPECIAL EVENT

In Attendance: Cast Stella Baker, Luke Mitchell, Hope Lauren, Nia Holloway, Ian Duff, Forrest Goodluck, Landry Bender, Izabella Alvarez and Megan Follows

Moderator: Damian Holbrook, TV Guide Magazine/TV Insider

Faced with the destruction of her town at the hands of a greedy mining company, rebellious high school teacher Sarah Cooper utilizes an obscure cartographical loophole to declare independence.

LEGENDS IN THE GAME: PARAMOUNT+ AND MTV STUDIOS' THE REAL WORLD HOMECOMING: NEW YORK -PANEL

In Attendance: Jonathan Murray (creator), ***Kevin Powell*** (original cast member), ***Julie Gentry*** (original cast member)

Moderator: George Gustines, Senior Editor, The New York Times

Almost 30 years ago "The Real World" debuted on MTV and overnight it redefined the genre of reality television. And now Paramount+ has reunited seven of the original roommates for an iconic new season, "The Real World Homecoming: New York." Join SeriesFest and "The Real World: New York" cast members Kevin Powell, Julie Gentry and creator Jonathan Murray for an in depth look at the six episode series which took audiences down memory lane with explosive moments, nineties nostalgia and televised cultural milestones.

WHAT'S NEXT: EUROPE'S HOTTEST YA SERIES-PANEL

Presented in partnership with Beta Film

*In Attendance: **Roberto Sessa** (Founder & CEO, Picomedia), **Alberto Espinosa** (creator / showrunner), **Florian Kamhuber** (producer, co-creator, co-writer), **Emma Drogunova** (award winning actress), **Melike Leblebicioglu** (executive producer)*

Moderator: Richard Middleton, TBI Editor

Get your passport ready! SeriesFest is taking you behind-the-lens look at the most exciting young adult series in Europe. Join us for an exclusive conversation with series creators from Spain, German, Norway, and Italy as they give us an inside look on what making content for the next generation is like in the EU. *Screenings of all series available during the festival via the International Spotlight.*

PITCH-A-THON - PANEL

Presented in Partnership with Working Artists Group and Oklahoma Film + Music

Independent content creators will have the opportunity to participate in an exclusive live pitch session with top television, new media and digital execs in hopes of moving their projects - and careers - forward.

ANYTHING FOR YOU - SPECIAL SCREENING

*In Attendance: **Matt Ferrucci, Sunkrish Bala***

Moderator: Claire Taylor, SeriesFest

Once Pandora's box is opened, can it be closed? *Anything For You* is a digital series that explores the complexities of male friendship and the boundaries that test it.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

FX's DAVE: THE ANATOMY OF A HIT COMEDY - PANEL

In Attendance: Dave Burd (creator, rapper, comedian, actor), **Jeff Schaffer** (co-creator), **Saladin Patterson** (executive producer, writer), **GaTa** (actor), **Taylor Misiak** (actor), **Andrew Santino** (actor), **Travis Bennett** (actor) and **Christine Ko** (actor)

Moderator: Derek Lawrence, Associate Editor, Entertainment Weekly

It all begins with one idea, which turns into a concept...a bible...a script...a pilot...and, hopefully, a hit series. Yet, there are so many people, decisions and steps in between that are rarely discussed. Sit down with the creative team and cast of FX's DAVE to discuss how the show developed from its pilot episode to become FX's most-watched comedy series ever. Season two of DAVE airs on Wednesdays at 10p ET/PT on FX, available the next day on FX on Hulu.

INNOVATION TALK WITH ROBERT KYNCL AND MIKE FRIES

Presented in Partnership with Liberty Global

In Attendance: Robert Kyncl (YouTube, Chief Business Officer) and *Mike Fries* (Chief Executive Officer, Liberty Global)

SeriesFest is excited to present a unique conversation with two top industry executives, Robert Kyncl the Chief Business Officer at YouTube and Mike Fries, CEO of Liberty Global. Join us for an in-depth conversation as they discuss the evolving global television marketplace and YouTube's power and influence on the global content community.

THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD (Amazon Prime Video)-PANEL

In Attendance: Paul Kelly (Art Director), *Onnalee Blank* (sound supervisor), *Joi McMillon* (editor) and *Dottie Starling* (VFX supervisor)

Moderator: Jazz Tangcay, Senior Artisans Editor, Variety

Join the creative team behind Amazon Prime Video's new hit new limited series, "The Underground Railroad," as they come together for a behind the lens conversation. The team will reflect on the show's inventive artistry and discuss how they create the breathtaking world of the impactful limited series.

SHOWBIZ CONNECTION WORKSHOP - WORKSHOP

Moderators: Mara McCann, Jordan Gelber, and Ramfis Myrthil

Showbiz Connection will present a unique workshop for SeriesFest: Season 7 badge holders that highlights the benefits of LinkedIn for Entertainment Professionals. The purpose of this workshop is to empower, engage, and entertain content creators with the reality that they can control their own pathway to success through the power of the LinkedIn platform.

TANKHOUSE - SPECIAL SCREENING

In Attendance: Richard Kind (actor), **Joe Adler** (actor), **Devere Rogers** (actor), **Austin Crute** (actor), **Tara Holt** (actor), **Stephen Friedrich** (actor), **Noam Tomaschoff** (director, co-writer), **Chelsea Frei** (co-writer), **Matthew Cooper** (producer), **Jesse Burgum** (producer)
Moderator: Randi Kleiner, CEO, SeriesFest

After being blacklisted from the New York Theater scene, two Upper East Side thespians, Tucker and Sandrene, must move back to Sandrene's hometown of Fargo, North Dakota, and start a theatrical revolution.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

INNOVATION TALK WITH TALITHA WATKINS-SPECIAL EVENT

Presented in partnership with Liberty Global

In Attendance: Talitha Watkins (President & Head, ColorCreative) and **Michael Moses** (Chief Marketing Officer, Universal Pictures)

SeriesFest is proud to present an exciting virtual talk with the President and Head of ColorCreative, Talitha Watkins moderated by Universal Pictures' Chief Marketing Officer, Michael Moses. This in-depth conversation will focus on Talitha's high-impact career in the television and film industry and ColorCreative's mission to support diverse creators. This is a not-to-be-missed event on the importance of broadening the scope of storytelling to help propel an inclusive and authentic representation of the world on the screens.

CHANGING THE NARRATIVE ON TV: MODERN PORTRAYALS OF NATIVE AMERICANS-PANEL

In Partnership with SAG-AFTRA

In Attendance: Michael Greyeyes (actor, choreographer, director), **Jana Schmieding** (actor, writer, comedian, creator), **Angelique Midthunder** (casting), **Q'orianka Kilcher** (actor, DOG, "Yellowstone"), **Lucas BrownEyes** (TV writer, comedian)

Moderator: Sarah Whitten, Entertainment Reporter, CNBC Digital

Native Americans on television have often been represented as historical people in different iterations of dramatic period pieces. Television is finally changing that trend with new shows to tell the stories of Native Americans as they are today. Modern Native American characters are a welcome relief for Native creators, executive producers, actors as well as casting directors who join this special discussion focused on Peacock's "Rutherford Falls," the FX show "Reservation Dogs" and other series breaking the mold for Native American representation.

LEVEL FORWARD: PARTNERING TO MAKE AN IMPACT - PANEL

Presented in Partnership with Level Forward

In Attendance: Panelists to be Announced!

This panel will feature some of the leading independent voices creating story-driven/impact-minded work. In common, our panelists consider how creative excellence can level the playing field for underrepresented makers including women, BIPOC, LGBTQIA, and alternatively-abled voices. These writers, directors, actors, and producers are pushing out the traditional boundaries of narrative change, and together, in support of one another's work, building new playing fields that re-shape the creative ecosystem with greater opportunity, access, and equity.

**MAN EATS WILD (Outdoor Channel; Premieres September 20-SCREENING AND Q&A
In Attendance: Host Mario Kalpou and Nick Hoffman ("Nick's Wild Ride" host)**

Follow hardcore adventurer and award-winning restaurateur Mario Kalpou on an amazing journey across the globe. Harvesting Wild food in the most extreme environments.

**ADELINE (World Premiere) - SCREENING AND Q&A
In Attendance: Myrrha Satow, Brandon Riley, Freddie Connor
Moderator: Lauren Grimshaw Sloan, SeriesFest**

Adeline is a family drama film based on true events in the life of Adeline, a therapy healing horse who had great success working with kids and adults with disabilities. She also saved the lives of 12 people when a tornado hit a small town in Ohio.

**GO GREEN -SCREENING & Q&A
In Attendance: Leif Lindhjem, Nicole Winters (Co-Founders, Lucia Entertainment)
Moderator: Claire Taylor, SeriesFest**

Go Green is a home makeover series that brings affordable and accessible clean energy solutions to every doorstep in America.

**COLLEGIATE STORYTELLERS: TABLE READ OF OIL & WATER-SPECIAL EVENT
Presented in partnership with Xfinity, Once Upon A Time Productions, and SAG-AFTRA**

In celebration of our Collegiate Storytellers Initiative, SeriesFest is honored to present a Live Table Read performance of the winning Collegiate Storytellers Script, *Oil and Water*, written by Jenna Rice, directed by Sing Lee Lathan. The story follows a group of activists and indigenous leaders who band together to block a destructive oil pipeline from being built.

MONDAY, JUNE 28

**DIRECTING FOR TELEVISION-PANEL
In partnership with Shondaland**

In Attendance: Debbie Allen (Award-winning producer, director, writer, actor and choreographer *Grey's Anatomy, Fame, Insecure*), **DeMane Davis** (Television and Producing Director *How to Get Away with Murder, Lift, Queen Sugar, Clarice*), **Allison Liddi-Brown** (Director and Producer *Grey's Anatomy, Forget Normal, Friday Night Lights*) **and Tom Verica** (Director and Producer, *Grey's Anatomy, Bridgerton, The Umbrella Academy*)

A special conversation with directors who have worked on some of the most critically acclaimed and influential television series. They'll discuss how they got their start, working on Shondaland series and beyond, the unique demands of directing television, their creative process and the need for constant innovation, and key insights for upcoming directors.

INNOVATION TALK WITH MARK DUPLASS-SPECIAL EVENT

Presented in Partnership with Liberty Global

Moderator: Pete Hammond, Chief Film Critic, Deadline

From his memorable roles on screen to captivating audiences with his work behind the camera, Mark Duplass has consistently pushed the boundaries of filmmaking. Join Pete Hammond, Deadline's Chief Film Critic, for an inspiring conversation with Duplass covering his latest work with projects like *Lady and the Dale, Sasquatch, Her Effortless Brilliance: A Celebration of Lynn Shelton thru Words and Music* and other highlights from his impactful career that continues to encourage and inspire communities of independent content creators around the world.

THE ART OF ADAPTATION-PANEL

In Attendance: Jason Altman (SVP, Film & TV, Ubisoft Film and Television), **Danielle Kreinik** (Director of Television Development, Ubisoft Film and Television), **Kelly Garner** (Founder & CEO, Treefort Media), **Heather Karpas** (Director of Development at EDEN Productions), **Henrik Bastin** (CEO, Fabel Entertainment)

Moderator: Liz Shannon Miller, Senior TV Editor, Collider

What goes into adapting critically acclaimed books, video games, and podcasts into hit TV shows? And how are some companies successfully elevating this process by covering multiple storytelling mediums? Join SeriesFest for an in-depth conversation with entertainment executives and leading producers behind today's adaptations.

THE HOLLYWOOD RADIO TELEVISION SOCIETY ASSOCIATES NY WORKSHOP - PANEL

In Attendance: Haley Hamilton (Executive Director, Literary Scouting, FOX Entertainment), **Krystal Stark, Julie Waters, Tiffany Brown**

Moderators: Ramfis Myrthil (filmmaker) and Justine Giannino

The Hollywood Radio Television Society Associates NY has partnered with SeriesFest on an exclusive live networking event focused on connecting independent content creators with industry executives, reps, producers. This panel presentation will be focused on best practices for growing your career from the festival circuit, how to ace general meetings, finding the best representatives for you, and beyond.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

DR. DEATH (Peacock; June 29)-SPECIAL EVENT & PANEL

In Attendance: Joshua Jackson, Christian Slater & AnnaSophia Robb (cast), Maggie Kiley (Director) and Patrick Macmanus (Executive Producer)

Moderator: Michael Schneider, Deputy TV Editor, Variety

Based on Wondery's hit podcast, **DR. DEATH** is inspired by the terrifying true story of Dr. Christopher Duntsch (Joshua Jackson), a rising star in the Dallas medical community. Young, charismatic and ostensibly brilliant, Dr. Duntsch was building a flourishing neurosurgery practice when everything suddenly changed. Patients entered his operating room for complex but routine spinal surgeries and left permanently maimed or dead. As victims piled up, two fellow physicians, neurosurgeon Robert Henderson (Alec Baldwin) and vascular surgeon Randall Kirby (Christian Slater), as well as Dallas prosecutor Michelle Shughart (AnnaSophia Robb), set out to stop him. DR. DEATH explores the twisted mind of Dr. Duntsch and the failures of the system designed to protect the most defenseless among us.

INNOVATION TALK WITH HERNAN LOPEZ-SPECIAL EVENT

Presented in partnership with Liberty Global

In Attendance: Hernan Lopez (Founder & Advisor, Wondery) and James Lindsay (Co-Head of LT Growth, LionTree & SeriesFest Board of Directors)

Moderated by James Lindsay, Co-Head of LT Growth, LionTree, this one on one conversation shines the spotlight on the incredible career of the Founder of Wondery, Hernan Lopez. From over a decade in network television to founding the highly successful podcast company and its sale to Amazon, Hernan has taken episodic storytelling to new heights. A not to miss conversation!

From Script to Screen: Women in UK Television-PANEL

In partnership with the British Film Commission

In Attendance: Panelists To Be Announced

An exclusive conversation with leading female producers working in television in the United Kingdom. This behind-the-camera panel discussion will take an in-depth look at what makes the UK a great place to bring episodic stories to life.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

THE BEAST MUST DIE (AMC+: Premieres July 5, AMC: Premieres July 12) - CLOSING NIGHT SCREENING & PANEL

*In Attendance: **Jared Harris** (Chernobyl, Mad Men), **Cush Jumbo OBE** (The Good Wife, The Good Fight), writer **Gaby Chiappe** (Their Finest) and director **Dome Karukoski** (Tolkien)
Moderator: Sophie Gilbert, TV writer, The Atlantic*

SeriesFest is proud to debut the premiere episode of the AMC+ Original six-part revenge thriller series, "The Beast Must Die," followed by an exclusive conversation with cast and creators. Starring BAFTA Award-winning actor Jared Harris (*Chernobyl, Mad Men*), Cush Jumbo OBE (*The Good Wife, The Good Fight*), Billy Howle (*The Serpent, MotherFatherSon*), Nathaniel Parker (*The Inspector Lynley Mysteries, The Outcast*) and Geraldine James (*Downton Abbey, Back to Life*), and based on the novel by Nicholas Blake (pseudonym of Poet Laureate Cecil Day-Lewis CBE), "The Beast Must Die" tells the story of a grieving mother who infiltrates the life of the man she believes killed her son.

CONSTELLATION INCUBATOR: CONTENT CREATION PROBLEM SOLVING - WORKSHOP

Moderated by: Naomi McDougall Jones (award-winning producer, writer, actor)

The founders of Constellation Incubator host this unique 2-hour workshop to lead participants in a mini-Design Thinking process, during which they will "design" a solution to a problem they are facing in content creation.

INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT presented by Liberty Global and the Fries Foundation

TOTAL CONTROL-SCREENING AND PANEL

*In Attendance: **Rachel Griffiths, Deborah Mailman, Darren Dale***

Moderator: Rachel Glaister, EVP Press & Brands, All3Media International

When Alex Irving (Deborah Mailman), a charismatic and contradictory Indigenous woman, is thrust into the national limelight after a horrific domestic violence event, Australia's embattled Prime Minister Rachel Anderson (Rachel Griffiths), sees a publicity goldmine for her party. In a bold power play, she handpicks Alex for the Senate. But Alex wants to be more than just a political stunt: she wants to make a difference. So, when the Prime Minister's cynical calculations betray her, Alex sets out for revenge that will send the political establishment into meltdown. *Total Control* is a story of ambition, betrayal and treachery. It is about one woman, marginalized through the color of her skin, the desperate history of her people, her gender and her class, navigating her way to real power.

*Screening entire first season

ALIVE AND KICKING- SCREENING

Beta Film, 25m, Spain

Four teenagers escape from a psychiatric institution. With a detective on their heels, they take on life with their very own wit, humor and charm – challenging our conception of sanity.

ECHOS - SCREENING

Beta Film, 45m, Germany

When a group of bored high-society kids meet the invisible lower class in the Munich catacombs, everything crashes.

WILD REPUBLIC - SCREENING

Beta Film, 50m, Germany

In the Alps, a group of juvenile offenders hides from the state. In their fight against the forces of nature, they form their own society, according to their own rules: the Wild Republic.

THE SEA BEYOND- SCREENING

Beta Film, 25m, Italy

In a juvenile detention center at the Gulf of Naples, the inmates are dealing with power structures and adult expectations. Yet being locked up does not stop them from dreaming of a better tomorrow.

TOO CLOSE- SCREENING

All3Media International, 60m, United Kingdom

Too Close stars Golden Globe nominee Emily Watson as Dr Emma Robinson, a dedicated forensic psychiatrist. In a psychological game of cat and mouse, what drove her to the edge?

THREE FAMILIES - SCREENING

All3Media International, 60m, United Kingdom

A powerful new drama from the makers of Three Girls. Three Families tells the compelling real stories behind the abortion laws in Northern Ireland.

ROD KNOCK - SCREENING

Beta Film, 25m, Norway

A story of young love and lives derailed. A tight-knit group of young gearheads hits the roadblocks that can come with young adulthood: heartache, uncertainty and loss. Yet, it is possible to overcome anything with people you trust.

SPECIAL SCREENINGS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

DROPSHOT DIVAS - SPECIAL SCREENING

Presented in partnership with Unreal Media and Stephens College

In Attendance: Betsy Marino Leighton, Misty Brawner, Gren Wells

Moderator: Claire Taylor, SeriesFest

SeriesFest proudly presents a table read of *Drop Shot Divas*, an episodic comedy reflective of the work produced by the Writers' Room initiative from SeriesFest, Unreal Media and Dilettante Productions. Join us for a sneak peek into Unreal Media's upcoming comedy, *Drop Shot Divas*, that follows a team of overzealous women as they compete and socialize in a Denver-based tennis league with all the outrageous intensity and shameless behavior of pro-level players.

PROGRESS NOTES- SPECIAL SCREENING

Presented in partnership with Unreal Media

Join SeriesFest for a table read of *Progress Notes*, Created by Betsy Marino Leighton and directed by SeriesFest alumna, Traven Rice. Set in the 90s audiences follow Melanie Knox on her first job as a social worker at a Mental Health Clinic in the Bronx, and it is questionable who is really in greater need of support, Melanie or the people that she is ostensibly there to "help".

BE VIZZIBLE: A PRIDE SERIES-SPECIAL SCREENING

Presented in partnership with The Center on Colfax and Vizzy

This special series presented by The Center on Colfax and Vizzy celebrates five Coloradans who have made noteworthy social impacts on the LGBTQ+ community through artistic, philanthropic and political contributions. Directed by SeriesFest alumna Marin Lepore ("I Put the Bi in Bitter"), each episode highlights the perspectives and personal stories of these leaders in our hometown. For more information on The Center on Colfax please visit <https://lgbtqcolorado.org/thanks-for-your-support/>. Happy Pride, everyone!