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**TRIBECA LAUNCHES ITS FIRST EVER TV FESTIVAL;  
TRIBECA TV® FESTIVAL DEBUTS SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2017**

***Series Premieres include truTV's At Home with Amy Sedaris, SundanceTV's Liar, and ABC's Ten Days in the Valley***

***Sneak Peeks of Upcoming Episodes of FX's Better Things and FOX's Gotham; Season Premieres of ABC's Designated Survivor, and Amazon's Red Oaks***

***NBC's Will & Grace's Cast and Creators to Reunite for Exclusive Celebration and Talk***

**New York, NY (August 16, 2017)** – Today Tribeca Enterprises, the parent company of the Tribeca Film Festival®, announced that it is launching a new standalone festival for TV in the fall, Tribeca TV Festival. The Tribeca Film Festival has been recognized as a guiding force in helping audiences discover great storytelling across all screens from film to TV to VR, as well as new online work and gaming. Now for the first time, Tribeca is expanding its enviable April TV program into its own festival for episodic storytelling. Over three days, the Festival will present curated shows and conversations representative of the cultural zeitgeist, featuring dynamic creators from both sides of the camera. Tribeca TV Festival will take place September 22-24, 2017 in New York City.

With an overwhelming amount of TV programming currently available to viewers, the Tribeca TV Festival will be a trusted curator to help audiences connect with the most compelling episodic storytelling in the new age of TV—presenting work premiering on TV, online, as well as VR. Like its cousin in April, the Festival will highlight highly-anticipated new premieres, and also draw attention to under-the-radar work and talent. It will give audiences the opportunity to experience tomorrow's watercooler moments before they start to trend, and for the fan community to come together to celebrate their love for TV.

"Ten years ago we wouldn't have needed a TV festival. Now, with the change in the TV landscape, both the quality and quantity of shows, it makes sense," said Robert De Niro, Co-Founder of Tribeca. "As the Tribeca Film Festival has done, the Tribeca TV Festival will act as a curator in bringing people together for this emerging experience."

Tribeca TV Festival will bring the small screen (and the even smaller screen) to the big screen, offering TV fans a communal, curated experience where they can get an advance look at brand new series and fan-favorite shows and hear from creators. Programming highlights include a special conversation with **Will & Grace** stars **Debra Messing, Eric McCormack, Sean Hayes, Megan Mullally** and show creators **Max Mutchnick** and **David Kohan** ahead of the highly anticipated reboot this fall; a sneak peek of an upcoming episode of the FX show **Better Things**, followed by a conversation with Emmy® winner **Pamela Adlon** speaking with show co-creator **Louis C.K.**; the series premiere of the upcoming truTV show **At Home with Amy Sedaris**, followed by a conversation with co-creator **Amy Sedaris**, the series premiere of ABC's **Ten Days in the Valley**, followed by a conversation with star/EP **Kyra Sedgwick**, and more.

Television programming has been a part of the Tribeca Film Festival since it screened the series finale of the hit show *Friends* in 2004 at the Tribeca Drive-In<sup>®</sup>. In 2016, Tribeca launched an official section of the festival dedicated to TV programming, which has featured world premieres of new series and seasons of anticipated shows and special events, including the world premieres of Emmy<sup>®</sup>-nominated programs *The Night Of* and *The Handmaid's Tale*. Television – along with VR, gaming, and online work – has become a key pillar of the Festival as part of Tribeca's commitment to showcasing the best stories across any screen.

"Tribeca has proven itself to be the ideal home for showcasing excellence in storytelling, no matter the medium," said Jane Rosenthal, Co-Founder and Executive Chair of Tribeca. "The expansion into television is a natural progression in this evolving entertainment landscape."

"Some of the best stories are being told on television," said Paula Weinstein, Executive Vice President of Tribeca Enterprises. "The programming team has developed a slate of fan favorites and discoveries to bring these stories to the Tribeca audience."

Advance selection presale tickets for Citi<sup>®</sup> Private Pass<sup>®</sup> members go on sale Tuesday, August 22nd (11 am EST) and for general public on Friday, August 25th (11 am EST). All Citi<sup>®</sup> Private Pass<sup>®</sup> presale tickets and general public tickets can be purchased online at [tribecafilm.com/tvfestival](http://tribecafilm.com/tvfestival). For additional information on ticket sales, email [boxoffice@tribecafilm.com](mailto:boxoffice@tribecafilm.com).

The programming slate for the Tribeca TV Festival is as follows:

***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? In this comedy series, a long-gestating passion project for its star, Amy will show off her diverse but necessary homemaking skills, which range from creating popsicle stick buddies and gutting a fish, to making raisin necklaces and entertaining businessmen.

After the world premiere of their new series, **Amy Sedaris** and **Paul Dinello** will be joined by moderator **Andy Cohen** to discuss the creation of this truly one-of-a-kind project, 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.

- **Event time: September 22 at 8:15pm**

***Better Things* (FX) – Special Sneak Peek**

Emmy winner and New York City native **Pamela Adlon** is the creative mind behind breakout hit *Better Things*, in which she also stars as working actor and single mom-of-three Sam. Consistently hilarious, but always grounded, *Better Things* is a truly refreshing take on the tried-and-true family sitcom, with Adlon's signature all over it (in addition to writing and starring duties, Adlon also directs every episode). In the midst of launching Season 2, and in the wake of her Best Actress Emmy nomination, Adlon will be joined by her co-creator **Louis C.K.** for an only-at-Tribeca conversation about her funny, bawdy, bittersweet brainchild, including the world premiere of *Better Things*' upcoming episode *Robin*.

- **Event time: September 22 at 6pm**

***Designated Survivor* (ABC) – Season 2 Premiere – World Premiere**

Kiefer Sutherland stars as Tom Kirkman, a lower-level cabinet member who is suddenly appointed President of the United States after a catastrophic attack on the US Capitol, on ABC's hit drama *Designated Survivor*. In the second season of the dramatic thriller, President Kirkman is a year into his presidency and continuing to navigate the volatile - and sometimes dangerous world of Washington politics - while continuing the search for Patrick Lloyd, the mastermind behind one of the biggest conspiracies in American history.

After the screening we will be joined by stars **Maggie Q**, **Kal Penn**, and **Italia Ricci** for an exclusive conversation about the new season of this propulsive political thriller.

- **Event time: September 24 at 6pm**

### **Gotham (FOX) – Special Sneak Peek**

Revealing an entirely new chapter in the rise of the great DC Super-Villains, *Gotham* follows one cop as he navigates a dangerously corrupt city, and chronicles the birth of one of the most popular superheroes of our time. Season Four will witness the emergence of the criminal landscape Gotham City is best known for, with Jim Gordon (Ben McKenzie) at the forefront of the fight against the most depraved and unhinged villains. While Gotham City fights for normalcy, a new hero will rise, as Bruce Wayne (David Mazouz) begins to assume responsibility for the city's well-being.

Executive producer **Danny Cannon** will be joined by several of the remarkable ensemble cast, including **Ben McKenzie, Robin Lord Taylor, Camren Bicondova, David Mazouz, Sean Pertwee, Jessica Lucas & Erin Richards**. 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. The conversation will also feature the world premiere of the show's upcoming *The Fear Reaper* episode.

- **Event time: September 23 at 4pm**

### **Liar (SundanceTV) – Series Premiere – International Premiere**

After a seemingly innocent date between devoted teacher Laura (Joanne Froggatt) and renowned surgeon Andrew (Ioan Gruffudd), a series of volatile accusations threaten to capsize their lives. Secrets and lies slowly unravel in this tense and gripping psychological thriller, where everyone is lying in some way until the truth ultimately reveals itself. Creators **Jack and Harry Williams**, who have previously brought us crossover UK hits *The Missing* and *Fleabag*, now debut an intimate, twisting crime thriller where each new clue peels back another layer of these two complex characters.

After the premiere, the creators will be joined by star **Joanne Froggatt** (*Downton Abbey*) for a conversation about their six-episode shocker: 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.

- **Event time: September 23 at 7:45pm**

### **Look But With Love (Within) – VR Series – World Premiere**

Pioneering virtual reality and augmented reality company Within brings us the original documentary series *Look But With Love*, from Academy Award-winning Tribeca alum Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy, produced by SOC Films and Here Be Dragons. As the medium of VR continues to evolve, it has emerged as a perfect platform for episodic storytelling. Viewers are encouraged to revisit worlds that they would otherwise be unable to, developing a deeper understanding of story and place through the immersive technology. This 5-episode series follows the fearless and passionate citizens of Pakistan who are changing the socio-political landscape through brave and inspiring actions. From a group of women fighting terrorist insurgency with paramilitary training, to a woman teaching arts-deprived children to tell stories through dance, these subjects are remarkably introduced through moving live-action virtual reality rendered by a master documentarian.

- *Episode 1: A Story of Women and Episode 2: A Story of Dance of Look But With Love will be available to experience at no additional charge for ticket holders at the Festival. These experiences can be found on the 3rd floor of Cinépolis Chelsea.*

### **Queen Sugar (OWN) – Season 2 – Midseason Premiere**

Executive Produced by Ava Duvernay, Oprah Winfrey and Monica Macer, *Queen Sugar* 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. Directed by Julie Dash, Season 2's midseason premiere finds Darla sharing engagement news with the family, Micah finally coming to terms with his emotions, and Charley receiving an unexpected visit.

Following the episode, the cast of *Queen Sugar*, **Rutina Wesley, Dawn-Lyen Gardner** and **Kofi Siriboe**, will join us to 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.

- **Event time: September 24 at 7:15pm**

### **Red Oaks (Amazon) – Season 3 Premiere – World Premiere**

It's the summer of '87 and change is in the air at Red Oaks. David is chasing his dream to become a director in NYC. Wheeler and Misty have taken their relationship to the next level but face unforeseen obstacles. Getty is making lemonade of lemons in prison. Sam (Richard Kind) and Judy (Jennifer Grey) are finding new and unexplored passions in Jersey. Meanwhile, back at Red Oaks, Nash finds that the club's future might be in danger....

Executive Produced by independent film stalwarts Steven Soderbergh & David Gordon Green, Amazon's nostalgic coming-of-age comedy returns for a third and final season of life lessons couched in summer shenanigans at Red Oaks country club. Following the premiere of Season 3, stars **Paul Reiser, Craig Roberts, Alexandra Turshen, Ennis Esmer, Richard Kind, Alexandra Socha** will be joined by Creators **Joe Gangemi & Gregory Jacobs** 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.

- **Event time: September 24 at 5:00pm**

### ***Ten Days in the Valley (ABC) – Series Premiere***

Jane Sadler is an overworked television producer and single mother, in the middle of a fractious separation, whose life is turned upside down when her young daughter goes missing in the middle of the night. And just like her controversial police TV show, everything is a mystery, everyone has a secret and no one can be trusted.

Emmy winner **Kyra Sedgwick**, riveting as the complex Jane, also executive produces this new character-driven thriller. She will be joined after the premiere of the series' first two episodes by the rest of her all-female creative team, Creator **Tassie Cameron** and fellow Executive Producers **Marcy Ross & Jill Littman**, for an illuminating conversation about their smart and surprising take on the TV mystery-procedural.

- **Event time: September 24 at 3pm**

### ***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** and **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** and **David Kohan** for an intimate, and sure-to-be hilarious conversation about what to expect from our favorite 2000s New Yorkers in 2017.

- **Event time: September 23 at 7pm**

### ***YouTube's Creators for Change***

In September 2016, YouTube launched Creators for Change, to support positive messages of change and tolerance. YouTube tapped top personalities, like John Green, Franchesca Ramsey and Natalie Tran, as Ambassadors to mentor up-and-coming Creators from across the globe in creating original pieces dedicated to spreading messages of tolerance in a particularly divisive time globally.

Join us for a premiere of the much-anticipated Creators for Change pieces, followed by a conversation with an exciting international group of cutting-edge Creators, led by a special guest Ambassador. Audience members will have the opportunity to hear how each Creator chose to creatively speak to their fans using the power of storytelling, music, poetry and more—plus, how they themselves can use the platform to promote the causes they care about.

- **Event time: September 22 at 7:30pm**

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### **ABOUT THE TRIBECA TV FESTIVAL**

Tribeca TV Festival 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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