

## TRIBECA FESTIVAL AND STARBUCKS ANNOUNCE 'COFFEE & CONVERSATION' WITH MIDORI FRANCIS

June 13 at Starbucks Reserve Empire State Building



**NEW YORK, NY – (May 30, 2024) –** Today, the 2024 Tribeca Festival and Starbucks announced *Coffee & Conversation*, a Tribeca Talks event hosted by *The Sex Lives of College Girls* and *Grey's Anatomy* actress **Midori Francis**. The talk takes place June 13 at 11:00 a.m. at the Starbucks Reserve Empire State Building.

Drawing on Midori Francis' experience as a Tribeca Festival juror in 2023, *Coffee & Conversations* will explore the power of personal narratives and inspiration. Francis will share her reflections on moments of joy, the meaningful connections in her life, and her journey in finding her voice.

"As an artist and storyteller, being true to myself and finding my authentic voice is a process that has unleashed greater depths of creativity and freedom," **said Francis**. "I look forward to sharing my journey with audiences at the Tribeca Festival this June, especially young women who are finding their inner compass and North Star."

In addition to *Coffee & Conversation* with Midori Francis, Starbucks is presenting three Tribeca Talks at the festival including Kerry Washington with Nicole Avant, Kiernan Culkin with Jesse Eisenberg, and Judd Apatow with Matthew Broderick. These talks offer deep insights into the art of storytelling from some of the industry's most influential voices.

"At Starbucks, we believe in the power of storytelling as a catalyst for uplifting, meaningful connection. That's why we're thrilled to support Coffee & Conversations and the Tribeca Talks series at this year's Tribeca Festival," said Christy Cain, vice president of brand marketing at Starbucks. "We look forward to seeing these events bring people together to enjoy candid conversations with artists who inspire us and the world."

For more information and to purchase tickets for *Coffee & Conversation* and Tribeca Talks, visit tribecafilm.com.

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## **About the Tribeca Festival**

The Tribeca Festival, presented by OKX, brings artists and diverse audiences together to celebrate storytelling in all its forms, including film, TV, music, audio storytelling, games, and immersive. With strong roots in independent film, Tribeca is synonymous with creative expression and entertainment. Tribeca champions emerging and established voices, discovers award-winning talent, curates innovative experiences, and introduces new ideas through exclusive premieres, exhibitions, conversations, and live performances.

The festival was founded by Robert De Niro, Jane Rosenthal, and Craig Hatkoff in 2001 to spur the economic and cultural revitalization of Lower Manhattan following the attacks on the World Trade Center. In 2019, James Murdoch's Lupa Systems bought a majority stake in Tribeca Enterprises, bringing together Rosenthal, De Niro, and Murdoch to grow the enterprise. The annual Tribeca Festival will celebrate its 23rd year from June 5–16, 2024, in New York City.

## **About Starbucks**

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