



**NORTH FORK
TV FESTIVAL**

JULIE KLAUSNER JOINS THE 2017 NORTH FORK TV FESTIVAL

A Conversation with Julie Klausner to be Held Saturday, September 9th, 2017

Greenport, NY (August 2, 2017) – The *North Fork TV Festival* announced today that Julie Klausner, the creator, writer, star and executive producer of Hulu's *Difficult People*, will headline "A Conversation with..." on Saturday, September 9th. Emmy Award winning director, screen writer, producer and actor Bill Persky will moderate.

"I love conversations. I love TV. And I love festivals. It's the trifecta of things I love." said Julie Klausner.

"Julie Klausner represents everything the North Fork TV festival wants to celebrate and honor," said Noah Doyle, Founder of the North Fork TV Festival. "She is a New Yorker creating hilarious, original, cutting edge comedic content for TV and digital media. We are beyond excited that she will be joining us at this year's festival and I personally can't wait to be falling off my chair with laughter on September 9th."

"Julie Klausner is guaranteed to be a festival highlight," said Jerry Foley, Artistic Director, North Fork TV Festival. "She's the charismatic, smart kid you hope walks through the front door of your party. Julie's relentless pokes at pop culture and hysterical disdain for absurd humans, connect with what all of us are thinking but too afraid to say out loud. We may even discover how a magical touch from a Jellicle CAT pulled a young woman off the mean streets of Scarsdale to the upper levels of comedy."

"You know you have a hot event when Julie Klausner is coming! I'm so looking forward to a conversation about...well, who knows, Julie is involved in everything!" said Bill Persky.

Julie Klausner is the creator, writer and star of Hulu's critically-acclaimed "Difficult People," produced by Amy Poehler and starring Klausner and Billy Eichner as two pop culture-literate, struggling comedians in New York City who hate everything in the world except for each other. The series will return for its third season this August. Klausner's television writing credits include "Billy on the Street" (Head Writer/Co-Executive Producer, Seasons 1-4), "Mulaney," "Triumph & Jack," "Best Week Ever with Paul F. Tompkins" and "The Big Gay Sketch Show." She's also written for Robert Smigel's "TV Funhouse" on "Saturday Night Live" and for comedy legend Joan Rivers on a few different occasions. Her long-running podcast, *How Was Your Week*, was called "one of the few essential podcasts" by the New York Times and was named one of the best ten comedy podcasts by Rolling Stone and GQ. Her first book, [I Don't Care About Your Band](#), was released in 2010 and optioned for HBO by Gary Sanchez Productions as a series. Her Young Adult novel, [Art Girls Are Easy](#) was published in 2013 and she has written pilots for NBC and Hulu. Klausner's voice acting credits include regular roles on Comedy Central's "Ugly Americans" and guest star credits on "Bob's Burgers" and "Zoolander: Super Model." Her acting credits range from music videos for the New Pornographers and Ted Leo to guest starring roles on "Delocated" and "Strangers with Candy." Klausner's editorial writing credits include pieces for The New York Times, New York Magazine, Vulture, McSweeney's, Salon, The A.V. Club, Nerve and The Awl. She performs her own solo shows live in New York City where she resides.

The 3-day festival will feature an awards night with Artistic Director Jerry Foley, including presentation of the North Fork Canopy Award to Actor Chris Noth, an Opening Night Kick-Off Party at the Castello di Borghese Winery, special industry panels, “Conversations with . . .”, screenings of Independent television pilots and a closing night party.

Festival passes are available for purchase <https://northfork.tv/>. Individual tickets will go on sale at a later date.

The *North Fork TV Festival's* main sponsors for 2017 include **Bloomberg Philanthropies, Suffolk County, Hampton Jitney, JetBlue, Castello di Borghese Winery, Noah's Restaurant, Greenport Harbor Brewing Co, Greenport Village BID, Discover Long Island, Times Review Media Group, Long Island Pulse, EHM Long Island Broadcasting, News12, Special Effects Salon, First and South, Peconic Cruise Line, American Beech, Sound View Greenport, Silver Sands Motel, Gallery Hotel, Townsend Manor Inn, PMK*BNC, Horowitz & Ullmann, Dentons US LLP, VSA Partners, Altice, Special Tea Room, Clarke's Garden and Home, Duncan Inn, North Fork Smoked Fish Co, Wieden + Kennedy and North Fork Potato Chips.**

For more information, including the full list of events and screenings at this year's festival, visit <https://northfork.tv/> and follow @NorthForkTV on Twitter.

ABOUT NORTH FORK TV FESTIVAL

The North Fork TV Festival is an affirmation of “the art of content”. Celebrating the evolution of TV, the festival aims to elevate and draw attention to independent TV, while bringing together the innovative minds of TV executives, directors, writers and actors alike.

Held in Greenport New York, the annual *North Fork TV Festival* welcomes creators and embraces opportunities for independent program development. Exciting, innovative voices can be heard from around the globe.

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