



**NORTH FORK TV FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES SPECIAL EVENTS, SCREENINGS AND PANELS
FOR THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL**

*Special events, including Oyster Season Kick Off Party hosted by Cat Greenleaf, to take place in
Greenport, NY September 7-9, 2017*

Greenport, NY (August 10, 2017) – The *North Fork TV Festival* announced today the lineup of special events, screenings and panels for this year's festival which will take place September 7-9th at the Greenport Theatre in Greenport, NY.

New programming for this year's festival includes an industry panel with three of today's most successful creators/executive producers – Sarah Treem of Showtime's *The Affair*, Janine Sherman Barrois of TNT's *Claws*, and Christina Wayne of Showtime's *I'm Dying Up Here* – the world premiere of independent pilot *Greenport*, the New York premieres of independent pilots *Death Lives*, *Shoot Me Nicely* and *Up North*, and a free Special Screening of National Geographic Documentary Films *From the Ashes*. Suffolk County Executive Steven Bellone will present welcoming remarks on Friday, September 8th at the Greenport Theatre.

TV personality Cat Greenleaf, host of the four-time Emmy Award-winning NBC/USA celebrity chat series *Talk Stoop with Cat Greenleaf*, will host the *Oyster Season Kick-Off Party Supporting the Billion Oyster Project* at the Castello di Borghese Winery on Friday, September 8th.

According to Festival Artistic Director Jerry Foley, "This year's Producers Panel is a dream team of accomplished professionals and we are extremely fortunate to have them on our stage. Janine Sherman Barrois, Sarah Treem and Christina Wayne have been major players in the creation of some of the finest broadcast and premium cable presentations of the past 10 years. Each of them represents the best result of persistence and creative collaboration. Hearing their views on the current state of independent television and being able to quiz them directly on their career experiences will be a rare opportunity for all of us."

"This year's Festival is sure to please anybody who loves TV," said Noah Doyle, Founder of the North Fork TV Festival. Doyle further noted that "we have more than doubled the number of events that will take place over the course of the three day festival. In addition, to the incredible talent that we have lined up for our panel discussions and industry talks, we will premier four independent TV pilots that have been curated specially for this event. Unlike other festivals that focus on competition, the North Fork TV Festival is focused on showcasing independent TV pilots that should and will be TV's next big hit series—Tomorrow's TV. Today."

"The North Fork TV Festival is a part of Suffolk County's commitment to innovative and exciting organizations that promote the arts and highlight Suffolk County's prominent and thriving role in the television industry," Legislator Steve Stern, Vice-Chairman of the Economic Development Committee said. "This 3- day Festival will feature Suffolk County's beautiful wineries, the East End Seaport Museum and Marine Foundation and feature the inaugural 'Canopy Award,' to Chris Noth, of 'The Good Wife' and

‘Sex and the City.’ Our community is very excited and I congratulate the North Fork TV Festival on what we know will be an outstanding and enjoyable event.”

Other festival events include an awards night with Artistic Director Jerry Foley, which includes the presentation of the North Fork Canopy Award to Actor Chris Noth, presented by Actor Christopher McDonald, special industry panels, “Conversation with Julie Klausner“, an opening night reception and a closing night party.

Individual tickets and Festival-Wide VIP Passes are available for purchase <https://northfork.tv/tickets>.

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, Discover Long Island, Times Review Media Group, Long Island Pulse, EHM Long Island Broadcasting, News12, Greenport Village BID, Special Effects Salon, First and South, Peconic Cruise Line, American Beech, Sound View Greenport, Silver Sands Hotel, Gallery Hotel, Townsend Manor Inn, PMK*BNC, Horowitz & Ullmann, Dentons US LLP, VSA Partners, Altice, Duncan Inn, North Fork Smoked Fish, North Fork Potato Chips, Lido, Clarke's Garden and Home, Bruce Cost Ginger Ale, Race Rock Oysters, Special Tea Room, Mantauk Oysters, Ketcham of Peconic Gold Oysters, Cornell Oysters, and The Frisky Oyster.**

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 and Instagram.

Schedule for Events, Panels, Screenings, Independent Pilots & Descriptions

EVENT

Oyster Season Kick-off Party Supporting the Billion Oyster Project

Friday, September 8 | 9:00pm | Castello di Borghese Winery

Hosted by NBC's Cat Greenleaf

How many different oysters can you eat? Join the oysters farmers from around the region to kick-off oyster season. Taste their oysters and meet the growers. Drink beers from the Greenport Brewery and wine from the Castello di Borghese Winery. Plus special dishes from local restaurants and more.

PANEL

Producer's Panel

Saturday, September 9 | 12:30pm | Greenport Theatre

Panelists:

Christina Wayne, *Producer*

Sarah Treem, *Showrunner*

Janine Sherman Barrois, *Showrunner*

The North Fork TV Producers Panel is part of an ongoing effort to demystify the production process. Festival goers will hear first person accounts of how one can succeed in a business that often seems to

be lacking a center. No two success stories are the same and emerging artists will be informed and energized by the trials and experiences of accomplished writers, producers and showrunners. The casual viewer will enjoy the inside perspective on how compelling stories and memorable characters make it to our televisions, computer screens and smartphones.

SCREENING

Free Special Screening of National Geographic Documentary Films *From the Ashes* Saturday, September 9 | 5:00pm | Greenport Theatre

Director: Michael Bonfiglio
Producer: Sidney Beaumont
Executive Producers: Jon Kamen, Joe Berlinger, Katherine Oliver, Justin Wilkes
Editor: Dave Marcus
Composer: Mark Orton
Running Time: 82 Minutes

From National Geographic Documentary Films, *From the Ashes* captures Americans in communities across the country as they wrestle with the legacy of the coal industry and what its future should be under the Trump Administration. From Appalachia to the West's Powder River Basin, the film goes beyond the rhetoric of the "war on coal" to present compelling and often heartbreaking stories about what's at stake for our economy, health, and climate. The film invites audiences to learn more about an industry on the edge and what it means for their lives.

INDEPENDENT PILOTS

Greenport (World Premiere) Thursday, September 7 | 7:00pm | Greenport Theatre

Creator: Shannon Goldman, Tony Spiridakis
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Producer: Jim Thompson, Paul Michael Henry, Shannon Goldman, Tony Spiridakis
Writer: Tony Spiridakis
Cast: Rob Hancock, Jennifer Basse, Dimitri Spiridakis, Geoffrey Owens, Michael Nouri
Running Time: 26 Minutes

Q&A with Tony Spiridakis, Shannon Goldman, Rob Hancock, Dimitri Spiridakis to follow

Written and shot on the North Fork of Long Island, *Greenport* is inspired by personal chronicles and is a story about a struggling Hollywood filmmaker who is determined to show the world that an autistic kid can do anything. This heartfelt comedy explores a common life conundrum: ambition, family and how to balance it all. Starring Rob Hancock and Dimitri Spiridakis, a teen with Autism, as "Danny".

Shoot Me Nicely (NY Premiere)

Friday, September 8 | 7:00pm | Greenport Theatre

Director: Elias Plagianos
Producer: Craig Blair, Elias Plagianos, Debra Markowitz, Brent Montgomery
Writer: Elias Plagianos
Cast: John Behlmann, Linda Hamilton, William Sadler, Josh Burrow, Jackie Martling, Tasie Lawrence, Lukas Hassel, Fiona Hardingam, Joe Holt
Running Time: 21 Minutes

Talk with Elias Plagianos to follow

Shoot Me Nicely explores the New York City art and fashion world through the eyes of photographer Sean Wheeler. After losing his cushy magazine job, and his superstar status, Sean is forced to take odd jobs to pay the bills and his rent. Recently, his agent Layla, has been working overtime selling Sean's paparazzi pics as she attempts to get him back into the spotlight of the fashion world.

Death Lives (NY Premiere)

Saturday, September 9 | 11:30am | Greenport Theatre

Director: Chris Aurillio
Producer: Erick Hellwig, Chris Aurillio, Elizabeth Galalis, Emmanuel Vozos, Anik Sood
Writer: Erick Hellwig, Chris Aurillio
Cast: Erick Hellwig, David Carl, Elizabeth Galalis, Justin Brown, Victoria Vance, Will Nunziata
Running Time: 22 Minutes

Discussion with Erick Hellwig, Chris Aurillo to follow

The hopeful Grim Reaper quits his job and starts making up for lost time while the rules of humanity and pleasing his almighty father get in the way.

Up North (NY Premiere)

Saturday, September 9 | 2:00pm | Greenport Theatre

Creator: Emil Pinnock
Director: Emil Pinnock, Damaine Radcliff
Producer: Emil Pinnock, Louis Arriola; Damaine Radcliff (Co-EP) Ian Robertson
Writer: Emil Pinnock, Ian Robertson
Cast: Emil Pinnock, Eugene Clark, Ian Duff, Damaine Radcliff, Gabriel Ellis
Running Time: 54 Minutes

Conversation with Emil Pinnock and Damaine Radcliff to follow

In the New York prison system, it's just as hard getting out as it is going in. An innocent teenager, an elder convict, and a vicious street hustler fight their way out of the corrupt prison system and dangerous city streets.

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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