



## NYTVF ANNOUNCES OFFICIAL SELECTIONS FOR THE 9TH ANNUAL NEW YORK TELEVISION FESTIVAL INDEPENDENT PILOT COMPETITION

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*Forty-seven indie pilots from around the world fill out slate, including talent from 30 Rock, Breaking Bad, Childrens Hospital, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Heroes, Mistresses, Saturday Night Live, Scandal, Shameless, Veep and more*

*As Official Artists, pilot creators will enjoy exclusive access and pitch opportunities with NYTVF's Industry Partners at October Festival*

[NEW YORK, NY, August 20, 2013] – The NYTVF ([www.nytvf.com](http://www.nytvf.com)), an organization dedicated to identifying and nurturing top independent creative talent and connecting it with networks, studios, digital media companies and brands, today announced the official selections for this year's Independent Pilot Competition (IPC). The 47 original television pilots will be presented for industry execs and TV fans at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual New York Television Festival – the independent television showcase held at Tribeca Cinemas, with additional Festival events at the Tribeca 360 and SVA Theatre from October 21-26, 2013.

“In 2013, there is unprecedented demand for original programming across the television and digital landscapes, with more buyers, viewers and distribution options than ever before,” said NYTVF Founder Terence Gray. “I'm thrilled to share this slate of bold new voices with the audience of TV lovers, producers and industry decision-makers that will join us for the 9th Annual New York Television Festival, as I believe that the artists that are showcasing their work with us are developing viable, original and truly entertaining concepts that warrant serious consideration in the marketplace.”

Winners will be chosen in a variety of categories by a jury comprised of the NYTVF screening committee and the [NYTVF-HRTS Next Generation Committee](#). Additionally, as [Official Artists](#), the creators of these pilots qualify for a chance to receive a development deal from one of the NYTVF's [Festival Development Partners](#) – networks which have guaranteed they will offer at least one deal to independent artists this year.

All development awards are chosen by the network independent of the jury, and will be presented at the NYTVF Awards Show on Saturday, October 26. The previously-announced 2013 Festival Development Partners are **BET, Channel 4 (UK), CW Digital, IFC, MTV, truTV and VH1**.

In addition to those selected for the IPC, others with Official Artist status include finalists from other 2013 NYTVF initiatives – including the [A&E](#), [History](#) and [Lifetime Unscripted Development Pipelines](#), the [FOX Comedy Script Contest](#), the [NBC 'Voice and Vision' Drama Challenge](#), the [Comedy Central Short Pilot Competition](#) and the [MSN Short-Form Storytellers Challenge](#).

Official Artists have exclusive access to the NYTVF's Industry Partners through the [NYTVF Connect](#) marketplace, which includes the opportunities to meet, network and [pitch](#) some of the top network and studio executives in the business.

### **About the 2013 Independent Pilot Competition official selections:**

The pilots selected for this year's IPC represent talented writers, producers and actors from across the U.S. – including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Austin, Philadelphia and Santa Fe – as well as Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Norway, and the U.K.

Additionally, they feature a number of names and faces recognizable to TV fans, including Rachel Dratch (*Saturday Night Live*), David Wain (*Stella*, *The State*, *Childrens Hospital*, *Wet Hot American Summer*, *Wanderlust*, *Role Models*), Alyssa Milano (*Mistresses*, *Charmed*), John Lutz (*30 Rock*), Keith Powell (*30 Rock*), James Kyson (*Heroes*), Randall Park (*Veep*), Anthony Head (*Merlin*, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*), Jeremiah Bitsui (*Breaking Bad*), Steven Michael Quezada (*Breaking Bad*), Sue Galloway (*30 Rock*), Shanola Hampton (*Shameless*), Kate Burton (*Scandal*, *Grey's Anatomy*) and more.

Information on each pilot, including links to trailers where available, are below.

#### [AB-](#) (Psychological Thriller/Horror)

Created by Daniel Klein – Chicago, IL

Nothing is what it seems and everything is on the (operating) table in this psychological thriller.

#### [Animals](#) (Animated Comedy)

Created by Phil Matarese and Mike Luciano – New York, NY

This animated comedy is all about the overlooked non-humans native to planet Earth's least habitable environment: New York City.

#### [Anything You Can Do](#) (Factual Entertainment)

Created by Omar Kenawi – London, England, UK

In this lifestyle competition show, two teams from opposite ends of the same profession must change places and master new skills in an alien world.

#### [Atrabilious](#) (Comedy)

Created by Kevin Coyle – New York, NY

After a particularly bad breakup, a guy spends a year getting over his relationship hang-ups and works to move on.

#### [Body Politic](#) (Drama)

Created by Steve Rousseau – Los Angeles, CA

Joe Nevin is suddenly a player in the upcoming Los Angeles mayoral race in a fast-paced drama that examines ambition, ego, truth, and lies through the lens of current infotainment and social media news.

[Boystown](#) (Comedy)

Created by Brian Glidewell – New York, NY

After meeting on the worst night out ever, three gay twenty-somethings (a hopeless romantic, a cynical slacker, and a closet case) navigate their friendships and love lives, which might be one in the same.

[Broken Up](#) (Comedy)

Created by Tanisha Long – New York, NY

Newly-single Noah tries to reassemble her life after going through what she thinks was the worst break-up of her life.

[The Brothers Sisters](#) (Comedy)

Created by Jess Lane – Los Angeles, CA

The Brothers sisters don't get along, but they are brought together when their estranged father tells them they have another sister. Oh, Brother!

[Chasing the Green](#) (Drama)

Created by Zach Baz, Lee Goldstein, and Mike Goldstein – Los Angeles, CA

For golfer Alex Wiley, getting his life and career back on par is an everyday struggle. Will he falter, or can he hustle his way back to destiny?

[Classless](#) (Comedy)

Created by James Coker and Nick Bernardone – New York, NY

After college, three slacker roommates return to their former high school as faculty members, still struggling with the concept of 'growing up.'

[Compulsive Love](#) (Comedy)

Created by Adam Szymkowicz – New York, NY

A hopeless romantic falls madly in love with a new girl every episode. And then he falls out of love. Or she falls out of love. Relationships!

[Cool Cars and Science](#) (Animated Comedy)

Created by Matt B. Weir – New York, NY

A cool-car designer and a famous scientist must defeat the Mutant Mob by combining the seemingly incompatible fields of car designing and science in this animated short series.

[Date of the Month Club](#) (Relationship Comedy)

Created by Blythe Haaga, Ben Fast – Chicago, IL

Done with the perils of online dating, Emma starts the 'Date of the Month Club', a personal pledge to be set up by her friends and family, going on one date each month with someone new.

[Disenchanted](#) (Comedy)

Created by Justin Neufeld, Mark Spacek, and Galen Church – Austin, TX

Oversized personalities run rampant at the struggling "Enchanted Forest" Renaissance faire as three Millennials strive to fit in at their new part-time jobs.

[Doorman](#) (Dramedy)

Created by Chris Russell – New York, NY

An aspiring writer struggles to make ends meet at during his day job as a doorman for a busy hotel, dealing with snobby tourists, belligerent cabbies, punk teenagers, and the harsh streets of New York City.

[Engaged](#) (Comedy)

Created by Laura Grey and Jordan Klepper – New York, NY

Laura and Jordan navigate the dark underbelly of the wedding industrial complex.

[Escape from Brooklyn](#) (Comedy)

Created by Sue Galloway and Megan Neuringer – New York, NY

With the help of a hitchhiker hipster, Jen attempts to get from Brooklyn into Manhattan, running into kooky cohorts and mishaps along the way.

[Exquisite Corpse](#) (Sketch Comedy)

Created by Peyton Brown, Brian Hurwitz, Josh Segovia, and Tyler Smith – Chicago, IL

This sketch comedy show creates cinematic, intermingling realities and absurd characters that all flow together to create one twisted world.

[Family Heirloom](#) (Comedy)

Created by Jeff Murdoch and Jo Scott – Chicago, IL

A brother and sister work together to save their family's failing antique shop, where local patrons are as priceless as the merchandise.

[Good Cop Great Cop](#) (Comedy)

Created by Matt Porter and Charlie Hankin – Brooklyn, NY

In this oddball sketch series, two bored friends explore the darkly absurd world around them.

[Good Dads](#) (Comedy)

Created by Michael Kayne, Nathan Russell, Zack Phillips, and Adam Sacks – Brooklyn, NY

Three young fathers take on the world of parenthood and kick its butt, exploring the dark humor in the everyday lives of new parents.

[Grilling in the City](#) (Cooking Show/Comedy)

Created by Nate Starkey – New York, NY

A dude and his ne'er do well friends cookin' in NYC.

[Hank Frisco: Galaxy Defender](#) (Comedy/Sci-fi/Adventure)

Created by Matt Kelley, Joe DeJulius, Scott Lynch, and Patrick Fee – Chicago, IL

An overconfident space captain, his loyal assistant, and their sassy robot travel the universe in search of grey matter to save a dying planet Earth.

[Henry](#) (Dramedy)

Created by Alain Alfaro – New York, NY

When meeting with an old high school friend, Henry finds himself roped into a sticky situation in this dramedy set against the backdrop of New York City's Washington Heights neighborhood.

[Hereafter](#) (Thriller/Sci-fi/Drama)

Created by Johnny Kenton – London, England, UK

In a not-too-distant future, a young girl attempts to pass brutal initiations to join the genetically modified police force known as "The Guardians."

[Hot and Bothered](#) (Comedy)

Created by Jake Green – Los Angeles, CA

The lives of three smart and desperate women are disrupted by their new roommate, Brian. This idiot-genius transforms their Crate and Barrel apartment into a creative laboratory for songwriters and musicians.

[In Between Men](#) (Dramedy)

Created by Quincy Morris – New York, NY

Four urban professionals from different walks of life and differing sexualities (who do not fit into the lives and perceptions expected of them) live, work and play in New York City.

[Incognito](#) (Comedy)

Created by Alison Rich and Andrew Law – New York, NY

Andrew and Alison are two idiot friends in the Witness Protection Program who are more concerned with making the most of their fun new fantasy lives than staying out of harm's way.

[Killer Moves](#) (Comedy)

Created by Ben Hillyar, David Mayes, and Tim Partridge – Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, UK

Jason is a shy but caring contract killer who's fallen hopelessly for his new next-door neighbor Lisa, a police officer in search of adventure.

[The Laces](#) (Sketch Comedy)

Created by Leonardo Adrian Garcia – Chicago, IL

The Laces is a group of five writers/performers exploring the absurdity of life through heartfelt, bizarre, crass, sometimes nonsensical sketches, and they all happen to be women.

[Mike and Andrew Try To Lose Some Weight](#) (Unscripted Comedy)

Created by Ramiro Castro Jr. and Andrew Rollins Dewitt – Los Angeles, CA

Fat Comedians Andrew Dewitt and Mike Bridenstine try insane exercises to shed a few pounds.

[Millions](#) (Drama)

Created by Andrew Chung – Toronto, ON, Canada

A crew decides to make good on a pact they made as teenagers: to do whatever it takes to become millionaires before they turn 30.

[Model Wife](#) (Comedy)

Created by Cory Cavin, Bill G. Grandberg, and Josh Lay – New York, NY

An average guy, his supermodel wife, and the two neighbors who won't leave them alone embark on a series of adventures.

[Nate and Abe](#) (Comedy)

Created by Keith Powell – New York, NY

Two high school freshmen (and best friends) have to navigate the world of perverted principals, racist parents, gay bullies, and obnoxiously large-breasted cheerleaders on the road to adulthood.

[Re:Verse](#) (Comedy)

Created by Stephen Soroka and Nic Rad – New York, NY

After becoming riveted by the theory of the multiverse (every choice creates a new reality), Pippa unexpectedly quits law school and moves to New York. In some universes, she knows exactly what she wants. This is not that universe.

[Red Clay](#) (Crime Drama)

Created by Mark Ennis – Santa Fe, NM

Leonard Lightfeather, a mob enforcer from a remote reservation in New Mexico, makes a split-second decision that not only has drastic repercussions for his family and his business, but also catches the attention of a deadly Mexican cartel.

[Room and Bored](#) (Comedy)

Created by Nick Nelson and David Guthrie – Toronto, ON, Canada

When an uptight intellectual moves in with an unemployed actor, personalities clash as they grapple with girls, bosses, and first-world existentialism.

[Saving the Human Race \(For Menneskeheten\)](#) (Coming of Age Comedy/Horror)

Created by Jim Garvey and Stian Hafstad – Bergen, Norway

Amidst a zombie apocalypse, the last boy on earth and his robot friend seek out the last woman in order to repopulate the planet.

**Sharing** (Comedy)

Created by Damian Lanigan – Brooklyn, NY

The occupants of a contemporary shared workspace in Gowanus, Brooklyn face the challenges of running their own businesses, dealing with inter-personal conflicts and forming surprising alliances.

[The Startup](#) (Comedy)

Created by John Thibodeaux and Kevin Walsh – Chicago, IL

After two years working under his kid-CEO brother, whose game has skyrocketed to the #1 spot in the App Store, Jason Williams is beginning to wonder: what's next?

[Super Chill](#) (Comedy)

Created by Greg Ash and Vin Shambry – Portland, OR

Idealistic misfits Greg, a struggling British writer, and Vin, an aspiring local actor, travel around Portland, meeting new people and making new friends.

[Uninspired](#) (Comedy)

Created by Becky Yamamoto – Brooklyn, NY

When she gets laid off from her dumb job, Sarah finds herself unwilling to embrace adulthood and attempting to escape it any way she can.

[Very Smart Brothas](#) (Urban Comedy)

Created by Damon Young, Panama Jackson, and Andrea Thornton – Los Angeles, CA  
Two bloggers fumble through their own dating mishaps while making a successful living as relationship experts.

[Welcome to Anhedonia](#) (Comedy)

Created by Kevin J. Kelly – Philadelphia, PA  
Ambitious half-man/half-puppet Jef Connectorkit and his three puppet roommates embark on a series of exciting adventures.

[Werewolf](#) (Game Show)

Created by David Seger, Tom Kauffman, and Paul Isakson – Los Angeles, CA  
Ten celebrities and comedians work to uncover the werewolves among them in a (parlor) game of murder, deception, and mob justice.

[Who Killed Jessica Lane?](#) (Teen Drama/Thriller)

Created by Mitchell Fitzpatrick – Sydney, New South Wales, Australia  
With suspects and clues around every corner, three friends attempt to uncover the mystery of who led their best friend to her untimely death.

[Why Willy Why](#) (Comedy)

Created by Will Julian and Eli Cohn – New York, NY  
A mid-twenties man takes on a series of mental and physical challenges in an effort to prove that determination is all that's needed to accomplish seemingly impossible tasks.

**About the NYTVF**

Established in 2005, the NYTVF constructs new and innovative paths of development and talent identification, while simultaneously complementing the traditional television development model. By partnering directly with networks, studios, production companies, digital platforms and brands, the NYTVF provides its Industry Partners with a streamlined development model, leveraging its vast creative community of over 12,000 independent producers and production companies, to create content with specific partners in mind. During the annual New York Television Festival – held each fall in New York City – the NYTVF brings together its top artists and industry decision-makers for a series of events designed to foster networking, collaboration and education. The Festival also marks the culmination of the organization's yearly development efforts and features screenings of top independent content, educational panels, fan events, red carpet premieres, and more. For more information on the NYTVF and the annual Festival, visit [www.nytvf.com](http://www.nytvf.com), and to learn about opportunities to submit for its year-round competitions, visit <http://www.nytvf.com/submit.html>.

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