2019-20 SEASON PREVIEW OF IMTA ALUMS ON THE SMALL SCREEN



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Each fall as a new television season begins, it is gratifying to note the IMTA alumni who add to their résumés with work on "television." In this century, "television" is not just a "smart" TV, but any portable device or computer with internet access. Networks and cable channels produce their own line-up of original shows and films, as do streaming services such as Netflix, Amazon and Hulu, and Apple TV. YouTube and Vimeo serve as platforms for independent filmmakers and writers to release original series and films. All of these outlets provide unlimited — and ongoing possibilities for IMTA alumni to appear on "the small screen" by making their full catalog of shows, new and old, available on-line so that they may be viewed year-round, 24-7.

Below are just a few of the IMTA alumni working on network, cable or web series, appearing on returning or new series in regular or recurring roles, announced guest-starring appearances, and lead or supporting roles in TV movies and mini-series. Our apologies for any names missing. IMTA is equally proud of all of the alumni working in the entertainment industry and we try to keep track of as many as we can. Please let us know of castings, guest appearances and other successes of IMTA alums.

Every young actor has to start somewhere, and what better start than a role in a new series with one



of today's most critically acclaimed actors. LA18 alum Brady Amaya will appear in episode 8 of the new Fox series "Ratched," which stars Sarah Paulson. The series follows a young nurse (a younger version of the sadistic Nurse Ratched from One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest) at a mental institution who becomes jaded, bitter and a downright monster to her patients. No air date has been announced. Amaya, from SB Talent, was a finalist for Male Pre-Teen Talent, Male Pre-Teen Model and Most

Sought Male Talent.

Jasmeet (Jazz) Baduwalia returns on September 14 as Ravi/Blue Ranger for the second season of

"Power Rangers Beast Morphers" on Nickelodeon. Set in the future, a secret agency combines a newly discovered substance called "Morph-X" with animal DNA to create the Power Rangers Beast Morphers team. The Rangers must fight off an evil sentient computer virus bent on taking over the source of all Ranger power, the Morphin Grid itself. Baduwalia, and LA13 finalist for Junior Male Actor, recently completed filming Boulevard Misfits, an independent film that follows a talented teenage film maker and a small group of young unknown actors as they find their way of life tested when unexpected



success catapults them into the complex world of Hollywood's motion picture industry.



Alum Jessica Biel stars and executive produces the Facebook Watch series "Limetown," which is premiering at the upcoming Toronto International Film Festival. Biel is Lia Haddock, a journalist for American Public Radio who seeks to unravel the mystery behind the disappearance of more than 300 people at a neuroscience research facility in Tennessee. The series will also star Omar Elba, Sherri Saum and Stanley Tucci. Biel

also voices the recurring characters of Beckie and Bonnie Burrow on Amazon's animated "Pete the Cat," based on the New York Times #1 best-selling children's books by author James Dean.

Rachel Boston, from Ambiance Model & Talent, stars opposite Wes Brown in Check Inn to

Christmas, one of the record 40 original movies this year that are part of the Hallmark Channel's annual "Countdown to Christmas" slate of films. Boston has become a mainstay of the Hallmark Christmas and romance movies that air each holiday season and throughout the year, with starring credits that include the recently broadcast *The Last Bridesmaid*, as well as *Christmas in Angel Falls*, *A Rose for Christmas* and *A Gift of Miracles*. She also starred in Lifetime's *A Christmas in Tennessee*, the fantasy series

"Witches of East End," and was a regular in seasons 4 and 5 as Detective Abigail Chaffee on USA's "In Plain Sight."

After more than a year away, "Dear White People" returned to Netflix on August 2 with volume



three. Based on Justin Simien's critically-acclaimed 2014 film "Dear White People," the Netflix satire about race relations and identity tackles a host of related timely issues. Using biting humor and candor, the dramedy follows the lives of college radio host Samantha White (Browning) and her friends as they

contend with micro-aggressions and outright racism at Winchester College, a fictional, predominantly white Ivy League school. Browning starred opposite Allison Williams in the recently released Netflix thriller *The Pefection*.

Another SB Talent alum, Tanner Buchanan, stars in "Cobra Kai," currently streaming on YouTube Premium. The action dramedy follows two middle-aged former karate champs who find themselves

martial-arts rivals again. Buchanan stars as Robby Keene alongside <u>Xolo Maridueña</u>, Ralph Macchio, William Zabka and Martin Kove. *Cobra Kai*'s first season was just released for free on YouTube (outside YouTube Premium), but with the episodes being presented in ad-supported form. The show's second season will also be made available in free-but-ad-filled form on September 11. Season 3 of Cobra Kai is expected to be available in early 2020. Buchanan also appears in the recurring role of Mason Kendall on Nickelodeon's "*Game Shakers*."



Alum Brooke Burns can be seen in "The Gourmet Detective" series of TV movies that air regularly



on the Hallmark Movies and Mysteries channel. In the series, Burns stars as Maggie alongside Dylan Neal, a culinary whiz who uses his mastery of food, drink and cooking to solve crimes of the culinary world. Burns can also be seen on "*The Chase*." The game show aired from 2013 to 2015, and reruns can be seen

daily on the GSN.

Joseph David-Jones, NY10 Young Adult Actor of the Year from Images Model & Talent Agency, reprises his role as Connor Hawke on the CW's "*Arrow*" when the series returns for its eighth and final season on October 15. David-Jones previously played Connor Hawke in episodes of "*Legends of Tomorrow*." The character of Connor Hawke is a fictional DC Comics superhero who operated as the second Green Arrow, and is the son of Oliver Queen, the original Green Arrow. David-Jones was in



the role of Clayton Carter during the fifth season of "Nashville" and appeared in feature films such as Roman J. Israel, Esq., Detroit and Allegiant.

NY09 Female Actor of the Year Sibylla Deen stars in "The I-Land," premiering September 12. The



seven-part limited Netflix series envisions a "Hunger Games"-esque scenario where 10 people wake up on a treacherous island with no memory of who they are or how they got there. In addition to Deen, the series stars Natalie Martinez, Kate Bosworth, Alex Pettyfer, Ronald Peet, Kyle Schmid, Kota Eberhardt, Anthony Lee Medina, Gilles Geary and Michelle Veintimilla. Deen previously starred on the FX

drama "Tyrant" and in season four of TNT's "The Last Ship.



Anna Diop returns as Koriand'r/Starfire for season two of the DC Universe live action series "Titans." The Titans are a team of young superheroes led by Nightwing (formerly Batman's Robin), formed to combat evil and other perils. The series also stars Benton Thwaites as Dick Grayson/Nightwing, Teagan



Croft as Raven, Minka Kelly as Dawn Granger/Dove and Alan Ritchson as Hank Hall/Hawk. Diop recently starred in Jordan Peele's "social thriller" Us, alongside Lupita Nyong'o, Elizabeth Moss and Winston Drake. She previously starred in series such as "Bosch," "24: Legacy" and "The Messengers."

Alum Jerry Ferrara, from Tomorrow Talent, stars as Joe Proctor in the Starz! hit "Power." The



crime drama follows the story of James "Ghost" St. Patrick, a wealthy New York night club owner who lives a double life as a drug kingpin. The sixth and final season of "Power" will be split into two parts. The first half of the drama debuted on Aug. 25 and consists of 10 episodes, with the second part, which will be fiveepisodes long, premiering in early January 2020. In May, Ferrera welcomed his first child, son Jacob Michael, with his wife, actor and fellow IMTA alum (LA06) Breanne Racano.

NY13 alum Isabella Gomez currently stars as Elena Alvarez on the reboot of "One Day at a Time." The series follows three generations of the same Cuban-American family living in the same house: a newly divorced former military mother, her teenage daughter and tween son, and her old-school mother. The award-winning show also stars Rita Moreno, Justina Machado, Marcel Ruiz and Todd Grinnell. The series' first three seasons aired on Netflix; season four will debut in early 2020 on Pop TV. Gomez stars



in A Cinderella Story, Netflix' modern-day reimagining of the cherished classic and featuring original music and holiday favorites, which will air in late 2019.

Alum Christopher Gorham stars in the "love it or hate it" Netflix series "Insatiable," in which a



disgraced, dissatisfied civil lawyer-turned-beauty pageant coach takes on a vengeful, bullied teenager as his client and has no idea what he's about to unleash upon the world. The cast also includes Dallas Roberts, Debby Ryan and Alyssa Milano. Season one is streaming now, season two slated for late 2019. Gorham also voices The Flash in The Death and Return of Superman Complete Film Collection Gift Set, a numbered, limited edition release available October 1. An extension of the popular

series of DC Universe Movies, the box set contains the combined films 2018's The Death of Superman & 2019's Reign of the Supermen. In addition, Gorham reprised his 2001 role of John Groburg for the feature sequel The Other Side of Heaven 2: Fire of Faith, released earlier this year.

IMTA LA14's Child Actor and Most Sought Male Talent Elias Harger returns for the fifth and final

season of the Netflix hit "Fuller House" when it becomes available this fall. A continuation of the original "Full House" series, D.J. Fuller is a mother of three boys and is a recent widow. D.J.'s sister Stephanie, her best friend Kimmy and Kimmy's teenage daughter all move in to help raise D.J.'s sons...making the house a lot fuller. In addition to Harger, the series stars Candace Cameron Bure, Jodie Sweetin, Andrea Barber and Michael Campion.



Alum Chelsea Harris has a recurring role as Dr. Naashala in the highly anticipated "Star Trek:



Picard" series, announced as debuting in late 2019/early 2020. While the plot has been kept under wraps, the series is described as a follow-up series to "Star Trek: The Next Generation," and centers on Captain Jean-Luc Picard (Sir Patrick Stewart) in the next chapter of his life. It was announced at San Diego Comic Con 2019 that Brent Spiner will return as Data and Jeri Ryan as 7 of 9, with Jonathan Frakes and Marina Sirtis confirmed to appear as Riker and Troi. Harris has also booked her first studio feature with Paramount Pictures' Top Gun sequel, Top Gun: Maverick. Directed by Joseph Kosinski, the picture has Tom Cruise reprising his role as Captain Pete "Maverick", who is now an instructor at the Top Gun school. While her role has not been announced, she joins Jon Hamm, Jennifer Connelly, Ed Harris, Monica Barbaro, Miles Teller, and Glen Powell among the new cast members on board. The film has a Jun 26, 2020 scheduled release. Harris recently has recurring roles on "*Station 19*" and "*Designated Survivor*."

Alum Miles Heizer is currently reprising his role of Alex Standall in the third season of the Netflix highly-rated but controversial series "13 Reasons Why." The series follows teenager Clay Jensen in his quest to uncover the story behind his classmate and crush, Hannah, and her decision to end her life. "13 Reasons Why" season three debuted August 23. The show has been renewed through a fourth and final season but without a scheduled release date. Heizer co-starred in the 2018 feature Love, Simon



alongside fellow alum Josh Duhamel. Heizer, NY04 Pre-Teen Male Actor and Pre-Teen Male Model of the Year, came to IMTA with Images Model & Talent Agency.

Brianna Hildebrand stars in the Netflix series "Trinkets," the second season scheduled for early 2020. "Trinkets" centers around three teenage girls from different corners of the high school



cafeteria who find themselves in the same mandated Shoplifter's Anonymous meeting and form an unlikely friendship. Kiana Madeira and Quintessa Swindell also star in the series, which is based on the young adult novel of the same name by Kirsten "Kiwi" Smith. Hildebrand — LA14 Female Commercial Model, Female Jr Actor, and Most Sought Female Talent — also co-stars in the upcoming feature *Playing with Fire*, in which a crew of rugged firefighters meet their match when attempting to rescue three rambunctious kids. John Cena plays an uptight fire superintendent who

must faces his hardest task yet: babysitting three kids he and his crew rescued until they can locate their parents. The independent comedy is schedule to hit theatres November 8.

NY07 Male Actor finalist Brad James stars as Cameron Sanders Jr. in "*A House Divided*," currently streaming on UMC (the Urban Movie Channel, the streaming service of AMC Network which features a selection of black TV and film titles). The original drama follows the esteemed Sanders

family — direct descendants of Letty Sanders, a slave who became the richest black woman in the newly formed City of Angels — which is thrown into upheaval following the sudden death of their matriarch, Pamela Sanders. James also appears in the recurring role of Professor Haygood in season one of BET's "*American Soul*," which delves into what became of one of the most prominent and groundbreaking



television shows for African-American culture: "Soul Train." The scheduled debut for season two has not been announced. James recently completed the feature His, Hers & the Truth, a romantic comedy tentatively scheduled for release in late 2019.



Ashton Kutcher's Netflix series "*The Ranch*" returns September 13 for Part 7, the first half of the fourth and final season. Kutcher plays the son of a Colorado rancher who returns home from a semi-pro football career to run the family business. Debra Winger, Sam Elliott and Dax Shepard also star. Kutcher is an Executive Producer of the series which, when it concludes at 80 episodes, will becomes the Netflix's longest-running multi-camera comedy to date. Kutcher also has a recurring gig as a guest

"shark" on the long-running reality hit "Shark Tank."

It was recently announced that alum Eva Longoria will star in "*Flipped*," a new comedy currently filming and scheduled to begin airing next April. "*Flipped*" centers around chronically underemployed couple Jann (Will Forte) and Cricket Melfi (Kaitlyn Olson), self-proclaimed home renovation "experts" who are more than confident they are television's next great home design celebrity duo. In addition to Longoria, Arturo



Castro and Andy Garcia also star. Longoria co-stars in the live-action feature film *Dora and the Lost City of Gold*, currently in theatres, and will next be seen in the feature film *Sylvie* opposite Tessa Thompson. She is an executive producer and in the recurring role of Beatriz Mendoza on ABC's drama "*Grand Hotel*."

Alum Kyle Lowder is executive producer and star of the upcoming TV holiday movie A Mermaid



for Christmas. "Filled with warmth, humor, whimsy, and just a touch of magic, A Mermaid for Christmas combines classic Christmas themes with an escapist fantasy element that only a mermaid can provide." Lowder, who came to IMTA with Tomorrow Talent, has been starring on the daytime drama "Days of Our Lives" as Rex Brady, a character he took on in 2018 after a 13-year absence from the soap (he

previously played the role of Brady Black). Unfortunately, the character hasn't proven popular with fans, so the Emmy-nominated actor will be exiting the show in a move the producers say is meant to drive story.

Alex Mallari Jr. has a recurring role of Taggart in the critically acclaimed Cinemax series "Jett," which is currently airing. In the series, Daisy "Jett" Kowalski (Carla Gugino) is a world-class thief

who is fresh out of prison. She gets pulled back into a life of crime by a group of diverse criminals, including a powerful crime lord named Charlie Baudelaire (Giancarlo Esposito). Mallari, who starred as Four on Syfy's "*Dark Matter*," recently appeared as the recurring character of Detective Greer in Disney's "*Shadowhunters*" and guest-starred on the Chiller channel's



"*Slasher*." Mallari came to IMTA NY08 with The Fulcher Agency. He filmed a lead role in the Kickstarter-funded Canadian Sci-Fi feature *Code 8* that stars Robbie and Stephen Amell, who are also executive producers. The story follows a desperate young man possessing special powers clashes with a militarized police force after committing a petty crime. Fellow alum JaNae Armogan (also from Fulcher, LA04's Young Adult Actress) has a supporting role in the film. The film will be released on DVD and BluRay in November.

NY09 Most Sought Female Talent Quinn McColgan guest stars as Amanda Wallace in the September 27th season 10 opening episode of the CBS hit "*Blue Bloods*." She is currently filming a



guest-starring role in the pilot episode of a new CBS spin-off series, "FBI: Most Wanted," slated for a mid-season debut. The series is a high-stakes drama that focuses on the Fugitive Task Force, which relentlessly tracks and captures the notorious criminals on the Bureau's Most Wanted list, and stars Julian McMahon, Alana De La Garza, Keisha Castle-Hughes and Kellan Lutz. McColgan, who came to IMTA with Barbizon Chique, recently completed the independent drama *Project Pay Day* alongside fellow alum Cameron Ocasio (NY08 Child Actor and Child Model 1st

Runner Up), in which_three teen friends are forced by their parents to get summer jobs, but instead embark on a series of get-rich-quick schemes to make the money they should have been earning. No release date has been announced.

Nathaniel Logan McIntyre currently stars in the OWN coming-of-age drama "David Makes Man," alongside Akili McDowell, Alana Arenas and Phylicia Rashad. The series centers on David

(McDowell), a 14-year-old prodigy growing up in the South Florida Homestead Village housing projects, who is haunted by the death of his closest friend and relied on by his hardworking mother to find a way out of poverty. He must choose between the streets that raised him or the higher education that may offer him a way out. McIntyre recently completed filming a role in the Disney feature *Magic Camp*, which stars Adam Devine, who, at the urging of his former mentor and Magic Camp owner



Roy Preston (Jeffrey Tambor), returns as a counselor to the camp of his youth hoping to reignite his career. The film will premiere in late 2019 or early 2020 on the new Disney+, which starts

streaming November 12, 2019. McIntyre was NY11's Male Child Model, Male Child Actor 2nd Runner Up, and 1st Runner Up for Most Sought Male Talent.

NY07 Male Actor and Male Fitness Model of the Year Dustin McKamie is a Visual Effects Artist



and Digital Compositor, creating the seamlessly integrated combination of live action, computer graphics, and visual effects for film and video. McKamie's work can be seen in the just-released Emmy-nominated Amazon series "*Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan*, which stars John Krazinski, as well as in episodes of series such as "*The Walking Dead*," "*Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*," "*Black Sails*," "*Grace and Frankie*," "*The Real O'Neals*," "*Brooklyn Nine-Nine*" and "*Superstore*," among many others. McKamie also worked on the Bradley Cooper-produced *Joker* with Joaquin Phoenix and Robert

DeNiro, scheduled for an October 4 release. He is currently working on the second season of the Netflix remake of the sci-fi series "Lost in Space," to begin streaming in late 2019.

Tomorrow Talent alum Kate Orsini stars in the Amazon Prime series "Marisa Romanov," currently scheduled for an October 2019 debut. The mystery, sci-fi series is adapted from the award-winning short film that premiered at the 2001 Venice International Film Festival and 2001 Berlin Film Festival. Orsini also stars in the Indy feature *Ticket to Nashville*, currently scheduled for a late 2019 release which is described as a funny, heartwarming, entertaining and family-friendly story about a



young singer/songwriter trying to decide between the girl of his dreams and a career in Nashville. Kevin Sizemore and Kourtney Hansen also star.

Adrianne Palicki currently stars in "Orville," the Seth MacFarlane live-action Sci-Fi comedy/drama



that follows the crew of the not-so-functional exploratory ship Orville in the Earth's interstellar fleet, 400 years in the future. MacFarlane is the Captain of the Orville and Palicki, who came to IMTA with Starbound (now SB Talent), is his First Officer...and ex-wife. The series also stars Penny Johnson Jerald, Scott Grimes, Peter Macon, Halston Sage, J. Lee, Mark Jackson and Chad L. Coleman. The third season of the popular series will premiere on Hulu in 2020, after two seasons on Fox.

Alum Aaron Paul has numerous upcoming projects. He returns to his breakout role of Jesse Pinkman on October 11 in the Netflix Television Event "*El Camino: A Breaking Bad Movie.*" In the

wake of his dramatic escape from captivity, Jesse must come to terms with his past in order to forge some kind of future. When Apple TV begins a new streaming service in November, one of the new service's featured projects is the true-crime adaptation of "*Truth Be Told*," in which a family tries to solve the mystery surrounding their father's death. In addition to Paul, Octavia



Spencer, Elizabeth Perkins and Mekhi Phifer star. Paul again voices the character of Todd in Netflix's animated "*Bojack Horseman*" when it returns for season six later this year. Greatly anticipated is the introduction of Paul's new character in 2020's season three of HBO's "*Westworld*." The character has been featured heavily in the trailer but there is little information about the role he plays in the story. In *The Parts You Lose*, Paul stars as an injured fugitive who is helped in his recovery by a young deaf boy, and in turn teaches him to defend himself against the local bullies as the authorities close in. Set for release on October 4th, the feature also stars Scoot McNairy, Mary Elizabeth Winstead and Danny Murphy.



Coming to IMTA with Images Model & Talent, Ramsay Philips guest stars in episode 2.7 of the romantic crime drama "*You*," which will begin streaming a second season on Netflix as original programming following a debut season on Lifetime. In the series, a clever bookstore manager (Penn Badgley) relies on his savvy Internet know-how to make the woman of his dreams fall in love with him. Ramsay, LA10 Male Talent of the

Year 1st Runner Up, also appears in the role of Glenn in the independent thriller *Countdown*, scheduled for an October 25th release. The film follows three true stories from three diverse high-school students as they struggle against unrealistic expectations, stress, and an uphill battle against time.

Alum Zach Roerig has been cast as a series regular in the USA high school cheerleading drama

"Dare Me," a show based on the novel of the same name by Megan Abbott. The series dives into the cutthroat world of competitive high school cheerleading, following the fraught relationship between two best friends after a new coach arrives to bring their team to prominence. "Dare Me" stars Willa Fitzgerald, Herizen Guardiola and Marlo Kelly. Roerig next stars in the war drama The Last Full Measure, slated for an October 25 release, alongside Sebastian Stan, Christopher



Plummer, William Hurt, Jeremy Irvine, Ed Harris and Diane Lane. In the film, a military investigator helps a group of Vietnam veterans build a case for the posthumous award of the Congressional Medal of Honor to William Pitsenbarger, a heroic Air Force medic who saved more than 60 lives during battle. Roerig plays the young version of Ed Harris' character during the war.

Graham Rogers returns October 28 as Smitty, Susan Sarandon's son on Showtime's "Ray



Donovan." Season 7 of *Ray Donovan* finds Ray (three-time Emmy nominee Schreiber) working to be the man his family needs him to be. Donovan, a professional "fixer" for the rich and famous in LA, can make anyone's problems disappear except those created by his own family, which include Bridget (Kerris Dorsey) and Smitty (Rogers), who must learn to face the realities of married life. Rogers, who came to IMTA with Main Line Models and was a finalist for Male

Model of the Year, also co-stars in the Netflix series "*The Kominsky Method*" about an aging actor who long ago enjoyed a brush with fame, and now makes his living as an acting coach. Season 2 premiers October 25. In addition to Rogers, the series stars Alan Arkin, Sarah Baker, Michael Douglas and Nancy Travis.

When the CW's fifth season of "DC's Legends of Tomorrow" begins airing in early 2020, alum

Brandon Routh will be preparing for his final episodes as Ray Palmer/The Atom. Routh has starred on the DC superhero show since its debut in 2016. "I'm so grateful to have had the opportunity to bring the big-hearted and humorous Ray Palmer to life for our fans over the last 5 years, but unfortunately, his storyline is pointed in another direction," Routh said in a statement. "I'm saddened to see Ray's journey end for now but wish my 'Legends' family well." Before his time is up on "*Legends*," Routh will be getting the opportunity to reprise his *Superman Returns* role as the Man of Steel,



appearing in the event crossover *Crisis on Infinite Earths* as a version of Superman inspired by Kingdom Come. Routh will next be seen on the big screen as Tsar Nicholas in the live-action family feature *Anastasia*, to be released in AMC theatres later this year.



In addition to being a writer for the show, alum Nikki Schiefelbein is now a Supervising Co-Executive Producer for fellow alum Ashton Kutcher's Netflix series "*The Ranch*," which begins streaming the first half of season four (aka "Part 7") September 13th. Schiefelbein was also a producer and writer for Amazon TV's Golden Globe-winning "*Mozart in the Jungle*," the Will Arnett Netflix series "*Flaked*," and previously wrote and/or produced series such as "*The Client List*" and

"One Tree Hill."

Sarah Shahi currently stars in the Showtime drama "*City on a Hill*," which just ended season one and has been renewed for a second season to air in 2020. In the series, set in early 1990s Boston, Alsis Hodge stars as District Attorney DeCourcy Ward, who forms an unlikely alliance with corrupt

FBI agent Jackie Rohr (Kevin Bacon) to take on a family of armored car robbers in Charlestown. Shahi portrays investigator Rachel Benham, who's assigned to Ward and Rohr's case. Shahi will also star in an episode of Dolly Parton's 8-episode "*Heartstrings*" on Netflix, to debut late in 2019. Each of the eight episodes will be based on a different one of the music legend's songs, with each episode containing new and classic music from Parton, and each varying in tone according to the tone of the song on which they're based. Shahi stars in episode five, "*Cracker Jack*."

Alum Kunal Sharma returns in his recurring role of Koa Rey on the long-running CBS hit "*Hawaii 5.0*" when the series returns for season ten on September 27th. He plays the brother of regular Meaghan Rath's character Tani Rey. Sharma has appeared on shows such as "*Arrested Development*," "*Pretty Little Liars*" and Fox's "*Prison Break*." Sharma was one of the ensemble stars of the award-winning, Oscar-

nominated feature The Kids are All Right. He also starred in 2015's award-winning Miss India America.

Freddie Smith currently stars as Sonny Kiriakis on the long-running daytime drama "*Days of Our Lives*." He first appeared on the series as the first openly gay contracted character in 2011, winning an Emmy in 2015 for Outstanding Younger Actor in a Drama Series. Smith left the series that year when his contract was up but returned as Sonny in 2016. During the break, he wrote, produced and directed the independent horror feature *Hiker*.

Riley Smith is returning to the CW on October 9th with a lead role opposite Kennedy McMann in

the pilot for the network's new drama series "*Nancy Drew*. Young Nancy Drew makes plans to leave her hometown for college after high school graduation, but finds herself drawn into a supernatural murder mystery. Smith plays the handsome and affluent Ryan Hudson whose trophy wife is the murder victim. While he has been ruled out as a suspect by the police, Nancy's not so sure. Also starring are Leah Lewis, Maddison Jaizani, Tunji Kasim, Alex Saxon and Scott Wolf. Smith co-starred as Levi Scott in last season's Fox series "*Proven Innocent*." He has also

starred in numerous other series such as "Life Sentence" and "Frequency," and appeared in the recurring role of Markus Keen on ABC's "Nashville."

In the forthcoming Hulu comedy "*Dollface*," IMTA alum Brenda Song stars as Madison opposite Kat Dennings role as Jules, who — after being dumped by her longtime boyfriend — must deal with her own imagination in order to literally and metaphorically re-enter the world of women and rekindle the female friendships she left behind. "*Dollface*" premieres November 15th. Song also currently voices the lead character of Anne Boonchuy on Disney's animated "*Amphibia*." In the series,

ordinary Anne Boonchuy, 13, finds a treasure chest that sends her to Amphibia, a world full of frogs, toads, and giant insects. With help from Sprig, she must adjust to life in Amphibia and discover her first true friendship in her life.

Alyson Stoner currently voices the role of Callie on Amazon's animated "*Pete the Cat*," which began airing new episodes in August. Based on the New York Times #1 best-selling children's books by author James Dean, "*Pete the Cat*" is a fun, musically driven series about exploring your world and trying new things; pushing the boundaries while being smart, accepting, and optimistic. Stoner voices the characters for numerous other animated shows, including of the roles of Barbara Gordon, Oracle, Batgirl and Bette Kane on the Cartoon Network's DC Comics series "*Young*

Justice," Isabella on Disney's "Phineas & Ferb," Opal and Female Bandit on Nickelodeon's "The









Legend of Korra," Lydia, Kris and Isabella on Disney's "Milo Murphy's Law." The SB Talent alum will reprise her role of Isabella for the upcoming *Phineas and Ferb the Movie: Candace Against the Universe*, due out in 2020.

When the BET+ streaming service launches later this year, alum Tobias Truvillion will hit the screen in a co-starring role on the new comedy "*First Wives Club*," a TV adaptation of the 1996 comedy about three divorced wives who share a common past. Ryan Michelle Bathe, Jill Scott and Michelle Buteau star. Truvillion had a recurring on "*Empire*" during seasons two and three as D-Major. He has also appeared on "*The Blacklist*," "*Chicago PD*," and was a recurring character on BET's "*In Contempt*."





Sofia Vassilieva co-stars as Lara Buterskaya in the upcoming Hulu mini-series "*Looking for Alaska*," scheduled for an October 18 release. A new student arrives to a boarding school and meets a young girl named Alaska. During his time getting to know and understand her he slowly falls in love with her. But through his time with her, he finds out that her life isn't as perfect as he thought. Charlie Plummer and Kristine Froseth also star. Vassilieva recently filmed the feature drama *Russian American*, an intimate study of a young Russian-American doctor's unraveling,

scheduled for a 2020 release.

Alum Emmanuelle Vaugier guest stars in the season four opener on the CBS action series "*MacGyver*" when it returns mid-season in early 2020. She will appear in episode 4.1 as Major Anne Frost. Vaugier starred in this summer's Canadian TV thriller *My Mother's Stalker*. She has had recurring roles on numerous series, including the CBS hit "*Two and a Half Men*," ABC's "*Mistresses*," Syfy's "*Lost Girl*," and the UK series "*Rogue*."



Another mainstay for the Hallmark Channel is alum Jill Wagner, an IMTA Female Model of the Year winner. Familiar for not only her hosting duties on shows such as "Wipeout" and



"Handcrafted America," Wagner has starred in numerous Hallmark movies, a list that includes A Harvest Wedding, Christmas in Evergreen: Letters to Santa, Autumn Dreams, Karen Kingsbury's Maggie's Christmas Miracle and Christmas Cookies. Included among this year's original movies in Hallmark's

"Countdown to Christmas" is *Christmas Wishes & Mistletoe Kisses*, which stars Wagner, Matthew Davis and Donna Mills. Wagner also stars in the Hallmark Movies and Mysteries Channel's *Mystery 101* films alongside Kristoffer Polaha. She plays Amy Winslow, a college professor teaching "Who Dunnit" fiction who gets involved in investigations of crimes with Police Detective Travis Burke. In the next entry in the series, *Mystery 101: Words Can Kill*, Amy and Travis clash after he arrests an unlikely person for the murder of a guest at the college book festival. Amy must fight to prove he's got the wrong person behind bars. The movie debuts September 15.

LA13 Pre-Teen Male Model Garrett Wareing is set for a recurring role opposite Josh Dallas on the upcoming second season of NBC's hit missing plane drama series "*Manifest*." Wareing will portray TJ Morrison, another one of the passengers on Montego Air Flight 828, a plane that landed safely after a turbulent flight, only to find the world had aged five years and their friends, families and colleagues, after mourning their loss, had given up hope and moved on. Morrison is a college freshman



who went to Jamaica for vacation and came back five and a half years later. He's alone in the world and Ben (Dallas) takes him under his wing. "*Manifest*" also stars Melissa Roxburgh, Athena Karkanis, J.R. Ramirez, Luna Blaise, Jack Messina and Parveen Kaur.