

IMTA STARS MEET THEIR MARK ON NETWORK, CABLE AND WEB TV SERIES

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2015-2016 Season Full of IMTA Stars

Each year, fall is a time to look forward to new TV series, say goodbye to cancelled favorites, make decisions about what to watch (or not), bookmark web sites or YouTube channels, and make mental notes (or program your DVR) of upcoming shows. At IMTA, it is a time to celebrate the successes of some of our alumni who will be on the viewing schedule in broadcast, cable and web TV series as series' regulars or guest-stars, appearing in made-for-TV movies or booked for a guest-star role in the upcoming year.

Not every new show has been announced and there will be many alums showing up in episodes that we do not yet know about. If you learn news of an IMTA alum's casting, please let us know. While it may not be a comprehensive list, here are just a few alums to watch for in the upcoming season.

When "*Person of Interest*" comes back mid-season, two IMTA alums return to their starring roles in the critically-acclaimed CBS hit for its 5th season: NY92 alum Amy Acker as the mysterious and unpredictable Root, and NY91 alum Sarah Shahi as the kickass operative Sameen Shaw. Acker has appeared this summer in a recurring role on USA Network's "*Suits*" and will appear in the pilot for "*Con Man*," a web series debuting on Vimeo on September 15. Shahi's character on "*Person of Interest*" was supposedly killed last season, a plotline devised to accommodate the actor's maternity leave. However, she will be returning full time to the series when it resumes. Both alums are native Texans who attended IMTA with John Robert Powers in Dallas.



Nicole Gale Anderson is currently wrapping up her 3rd season as Heather Chandler on the CW's "*Beauty and the Beast*." The series has already been renewed for a 4th season that will air in 2016. The LA04 alum attended IMTA with Barbizon in Atlanta.

LA12 Young Adult Actor of the Year Mell Bowser will appear in a recurring role on Tyler Perry's "*The Haves and Have Nots*" that will air on the OWN Network in 2016. He has also been cast in the independent crime thriller *A Family's Fury* that is currently in pre-production. He attended IMTA with Nikki Pederson Talent.



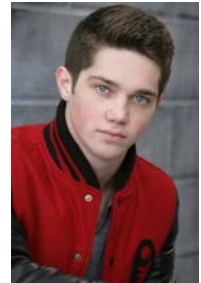
Logan Browning will return in her role of Zora on Sony Playstation's "*Powers*" when the scripted series returns for a 2nd season in early 2016. Inspired by the graphic novels of the same name, "*Powers*" follows the lives of 2 homicide detectives who head a team assigned to investigate cases involving people with extraordinary abilities, referred to as "Powers." Season 2 will follow the Powers Division team as they go up against commercialized, super humans who impose their power on the public, which both worships and fears them. Browning attended IMTA in LA04, another successful alum from Barbizon in Atlanta.

Brooke Burns, LA94 alum from Page Parkes in Dallas, continues as host of the Game Show Network's "The Chase." The hour-long show is based on a UK show of the same name and pits a team of contestants against trivia expert Mark Labette. Burns also stars alongside Dylan Neal in Hallmark's "The Gourmet Detective" series of TV movies that are based on Peter King's popular Gourmet Detective Mysteries.



NY09 Female Actor of the Year Sibylla Deen has been starring as a regular in the FX series "Tyrant" as Nusrat Al-Fayed. "Tyrant" follows the story of an unassuming American family drawn into the workings of a turbulent Middle Eastern nation. The series just ended Season 2 and is expected to be renewed. Deen had a co-starring role in Spike's summer mini-series "Tut" as Anheke, Tutankhamun's sister-wife, alongside Sir Ben Kingsley and Avan Jogia.

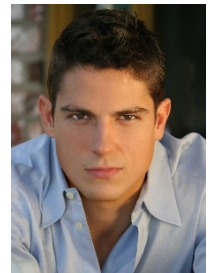
NY08 alum Jimmy Deshler, from Caryn International in Minneapolis, guest starred as Marty Shirra, son of astronaut Walter Shirra, on "The Astronaut Wives Club." He also recently filmed a guest starring role for an upcoming episode of Nickelodeon's "Nicky, Ricky, Dicky and Dawn." He will also appear in the independent thriller *Strange Ones* in 2016.



NY97 Male model of the Year Josh Duhamel has been cast in the Hulu miniseries adaptation of Stephen King's "11/22/63" that will air in 2016. The series also stars James Franco as an English teacher who travels back in time in an effort to prevent the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on the titular date. Duhamel also voices the recurring character of Captain Flynn in the Disney animated series "Jake and the Never Land Pirates." He is currently filming the feature *Beyond Deceit* with Al Pacino and Anthony Hopkins.



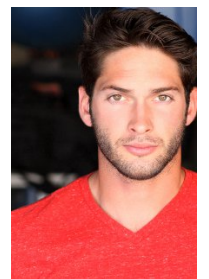
Sean Faris appears in a recurring role as Officer Gabriel Holbrook on ABC Family's "Pretty Little Liars." Faris—who came to the NY99 IMTA from Cleveland—has two feature films in post-production. In *Avouterie* he stars as a man who returns home to find his wife cheating on him on their anniversary. He holds her and her lover captive at gunpoint while he decides whether or not he's going to kill them. The story, inspired by true events, takes place over one day and is set in New Orleans during a stifling heat wave. In *The App*, Faris stars as a brilliant researcher who creates the ultimate app that taps into the pleasure center of the brain. When problems arise with his creation, he justifies doing whatever is necessary to keep the app online.



NY00 alum Jerry Ferrara has been in a recurring role as Joe Proctor—a prominent Wall Street lawyer being blackmailed because of his wife's drug debt—in the Starz series "Power" that just completed its 2nd season. The 3rd season will debut in 2016. Ferrara, who came to IMTA with Tomorrow Talent in New York, also hosts the iTunes comedy podcast "Bad 4 Business" that is produced by his girlfriend, fellow IMTA alum Breanne Racano who attended in LA06 with Barbizon in Cleveland.

Barbizon in Cleveland.

Alum Matthew Florida has a co-starring role in the new comedy "Kevin from Work" that just debuted in ABC Family. NY05 alum Florida, who came to IMTA from Nikki Pederson Talent, has appeared on numerous shows, including "Rizzoli & Iles," "NCIS," "90210," and was a recent guest star on "Major Crimes."





Lyndsy Fonseca has had major roles in some of TV's biggest hits, including "*Desperate Housewives*," "*Nikita*" and "*How I Met Your Mother*." The Barbizon San Francisco LA01 alum now co-stars on one of ABC's newest hits, "*Agent Carter*," as Angie Martinelli. She starred alongside Rumor Willis in this summer's comedy *The Escort*, and will next be seen in the comedy/drama feature *Moments of Clarity* that is scheduled for a December release.

NY10 Male Actor of the Year and Male Fitness Model of the Year Burt Grinstead stars in the web series "*Burt Paxton: Private Detective*." Filmed in the style and with the rapid-fire line delivery of comedies such as *Airplane* and *The Naked Gun*, each 5-minute episode features a complete plot in which the detective attempts to solve a mystery. Grinstead has had guest-starring roles on series such as "*The Mentalist*," "*Criminal Minds*" and "*NCIS*." He also has a lead role in the TV comedy movie *Written By* that is in post-production.



In the new Fox comedy "*The Grinder*," television lawyer Dean Sanderson moves back to his small home town after a stint in Hollywood thinking his time on TV qualifies him to run his family's law firm. LA10 alum Hana Hayes is a series regular as daughter Lizzie Sanderson, starring alongside Rob Lowe, Fred Savage and Mary Elizabeth Ellis. "*The Grinder*" is scheduled to premiere September 29. Hayes came to IMTA with Tucson Model Group, now known as Models Melange.

Alum Katie Holmes is now appearing on the Showtime series "*Ray Donovan*" opposite Liev Schreiber in a major arc as Paige Finney. The busy actor is also preparing to re-create her role as Jackie Kennedy in *The Kennedys: After Camelot*, the follow-up miniseries to Reelz Channel's 2011 series, *The Kennedys*. Holmes is currently filming the feature drama *All We Had*, a project in which she is starring, directing and producing.



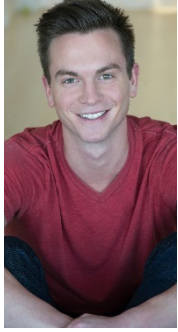
Alum Brad James currently stars as Todd on "*Tyler Perry's For Better or Worse*" that returns with new episodes September 11 on OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network. James came to IMTA from Barbizon in Atlanta and was the first runner-up for Male Talent of the Year. He has filmed several features recently that are in post-production, including Nicholas Sparks' *The Choice* and the romance *Zodiac Sign*.



NY01 alum Katie LeClerc currently stars as Daphne Vasquez on the ABC Family hit "*Switched at Birth*" that has just returned with new episodes. The John Robert Powers - San Diego grad has been nominated twice for a Teen Choice Award for her role, as well as an Indy Series Award for Best Guest Star - Comedy for "*My Synthesized Life*." She recently appeared in the Hallmark Channel movie *Cloudy with a Chance of Love*.

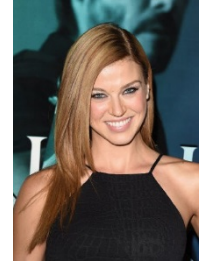


LA98 alum Eva Longoria also continues as Executive Producer of Lifetime's "*Devious Maids*" that just had its 3rd season finale and is expected to be renewed. She is starring and executive producing NBC's "*Telenovela*," a 13-episode comedy expected to premiere after the first of the year. Longoria also has a starring role in Universal's *Low Riders* that looks at the lives of enthusiasts of the re-emerging low-riding culture in Southern California's Latino communities.



LA14 alum Chris McNelly is writer/producer/star in “*Mac and Drew*” that follows a sarcastic playboy who struggles to keep up his party lifestyle when he suddenly becomes primary caretaker for his special-needs brother. The pilot is in post-production and is expected to be released on YouTube later this year. McNelly came to IMTA with Gage Talent, winning 2nd Runner Up Male Talent of the Year.

Adrienne Palicki will return as a series regular Bobbi Morse, aka Mockingbird, in Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D for Season 3. There has also been a report that ABC has ordered a pilot for a spin-off series for her character to be called “*Marvel’s Most Wanted*.” The NY01 alum attended IMTA with Starbound Entertainment Group.



LA97 alum Aaron Paul continues to voice the characters Todd Chavez and Prince Gustav in the Netflix series “*Bojack Horseman*” that is currently filming the 3rd season. He will also star alongside Michelle Monaghan and executive produce Hulu’s faith-based series “*The Way*” that will air in 2016. He has been filming the feature comedy *Central Intelligence* with Dwayne Johnson that will be released in 2016. Two other projects for the busy actor—the thriller *Eye in the Sky* with Alan Rickman and Helen Mirren, and *The 9th Life of Louis Drax* with Jamie Dorman and Sarah Gadon—are in post-production.

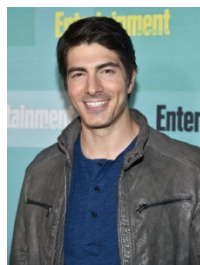


LA05 alum Raini Rodriguez continues as Trish de la Rosa on Disney’s hit “*Austin & Ally*,” the #1-rated show among kids and tweens. The comedy, now in its 4th season, is about the unique relationship between a young songwriter, Ally Dawson, and Austin Moon, the overnight internet sensation who gains sudden notoriety after performing one of Ally’s songs. Rodriguez plays Ally’s best friend and Austin’s manager. Rodriguez recently reprised her role as Maya in the feature sequel *Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2*.



LA03 alum Zach Roerig stars on the CW hit “*The Vampire Diaries*” that kicks off its 7th season on October 8. He came to IMTA from Cleveland, spent several years playing Casey Hughes on the soap “*As the World Turns*,” and also had recurring roles on “*One Life to Live*” and “*Friday Night Lights*” before landing his current gig as Matt Donovan. Roerig stars in the horror flick *Rings* alongside former “*Friday Night Lights*” cast-mate Aimee Teagarden and “*The Big Bang Theory*’s” Johnny Galecki. This 3rd film in the *Ring* franchise is scheduled for a November 13 release.

NY09 alum Graham Rogers is one of the stars in the new highly anticipated ABC series “*Quantico*” that premieres September 27. He previously starred in the drama “*Revolution*” and the comedy “*Resident Advisors*.” Rogers, who came to IMTA with Main Line Models in Media, PA, appears in the thriller *Careful What You Wish For* alongside Nick Jonas, Paul Sorvino and Dermot Mulroney; The film has not yet been scheduled for a release in the US. He also recently filmed the sport drama *Life at these Speeds* that is now in post-production.



Last fall NY99 alum Brandon Routh joined the cast of the CW’s “*Arrow*” and its spin-off, “*The Flash*,” as Ray Palmer, aka Atom. While he will continue recurring on both series this fall, Routh is already filming one of the lead roles in another spin-off, “*Legends of Tomorrow*,” that will debut in 2016 and focus on a time-traveling rogue who has to recruit a rag-tag team of heroes and villains to help prevent an apocalypse that could impact not only Earth, but all of time. Routh also has two feature films in post-production. In *400 Days*, Routh plays one of four astronauts sent on a simulated mission to a distant planet to test the psychological effects of deep space travel, but

something goes wrong. And in *Lost in the Pacific*, Routh is on board an inaugural luxury, transoceanic flight that turns into a disaster.

NY97 alum Riley Smith will be in a season-long recurring role on the ABC hit *"Nashville"* when it returns September 23. The busy actor, seen most recently on HBO's *"True Detective"* and the CW's *"The Messengers,"* will play Markus Keen, the hotshot front man of a highly successful mainstream band who signs with Rayna's record label when he decides to go solo. Smith recently filmed the independent feature *Control: A Love Story*, a black comedy that examines the terrifying nature of intimacy. His made-for-TV movie *"The HOA,"* a comedy that centers on a dysfunctional homeowners association and it's larger than life characters, has not yet received an air date.



Brenda Song has booked a regular role on the NBC comedy pilot *"Take It From Us"* that was ordered for the 2015-16 season. Described as a love story told in flashbacks in 1990s New York, the project from Sony TV and Universal TV is about a couple who tell their son the lessons they learned growing up in the '90s in the hope that he and his fiancée can avoid making the same mistakes. Song, a NY92 alum from Sacramento, will play Caitlin, who works in a bookstore/coffee bar. No air date has been announced.

LA13 Junior Model and Junior Talent of the Year Tanner Stine appears in a recurring role as Oyster on Nickelodeon's *"The Thundermans,"* now in its 3rd season. Coming to IMTA with The Peak Agency in Des Moines, Stine starred in an episode earlier this year of *"NCIS"* as a young Anthony DiNozzo, the character of series regular Michael Weatherly.



Olivia Stuck stars in the Disney XD series *"Kirby Buckets"* as Kirby's older sister Dawn. The series, which mixes live action and animation, just ended its 1st season and has been renewed for a 2nd that will begin airing this fall. Stuck, who attended IMTA in LA08 with Starbound Entertainment Group, next appears in the feature *The Outfield* that is scheduled for release in October.

LA01 Female Model of the Year Jill Wagner has a recurring role as Kate Argent on MTV's hit *"Teen Wolf,"* now in its 5th season. Wagner also stars in the upcoming made-for-TV movie *"Christmas in the Smokies"* on the Inspiration (INSP) Channel. It tells the story of one family's journey to save their historic berry farm against all odds during one fateful holiday season. Wagner came to IMTA with Barbizon of Raleigh, NC.



NY04 alum Travis Winfrey is in a recurring role on ABC Family's *"Pretty Little Liars,"* playing Officer Lorenzo Calderon alongside fellow alum Sean Faris as Officer Gabriel Holbrook. Winfrey previously starred on *"Single Ladies"* on VH1 and then on Centric when it moved to that channel for its 4th season earlier this year.