IMTA STARS SHINE ON NETWORK, CABLE AND WEB TV SERIES

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2014-2015 Season Full of IMTA Stars

Each year, fall is a time to look forward to new series TV series, say goodbye to cancelled favorites, try to decide 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 many of our alumni who are fortunate to 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.

Not everything has been announced and entertainment news changes quickly. We know 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. So while it may not be a comprehensive list, here are

just a few alums to watch for in the upcoming season.

Texas alum Amy Acker returns to her role as the mysterious and unpredictable Root on "Person of Interest" as the CBS hit enters its fourth season on September 23. She also may be returning during the second season of ABC's "Agents of S.H.E.I.L.D." as Audrey Nathan, a character introduced last spring as a past love of Agent Coulson. "It seems like

eter introduced last spring as a past love of Agent Coulson. "It seems like these two people are meant to be together and their story hasn't really been told," Acker

said. "The way that it ends in this episode ["The Only Light in the Darkness"], it seems like there's a glimmer of hope that they may be together again." Acker, who attended IMTA with John Robert Powers in Dallas, currently has two films in post-production—the comedy *Let's Kill Ward's Wife* and the drama *The Energy Specialist*—as well as the Hallmark TV Movie, *The Write Man*, scheduled to air in 2015.

Nicole Gale Anderson will continue in her role as Heather Chandler on the CW's "Beauty

and the Beast" when it returns later this year. The Georgia native alum attended IMTA Los Angeles with Barbizon in Atlanta. Anderson recently starred in the short-lived ABC Family horror series "Ravenswood."

Mateo Arias, who also came from the Atlanta Barbizon, continues his role as Jerry in Season 4 of the wildly popular Disney XD action comedy series "Kickin It." Set at the Bobby Wasabi Martial Arts Academy, a strip mall martial arts studio and worst dojo in the under-performing nationwide Bobby Wasabi chain, the series revolves around a ragtag

crew of lovable misfits who welcome a hotshot skateboarder named Jack who will teach them about life, karate, and how to just plain kick it.

Patricia Ashley, a Barbizon Orange County alum, recently filmed a co-starring role for an episode of TNT's "Major Crimes." The episode titled "Party Foul" will air later this year during the series' third season. Ashley recently completed filming the horror flick Nefas: The Wicked, which is now in post-production. She previously was co-host for Disney's

"Gotcha Covered," guest-starred on Nickelodeon's "Victorious" and "iCarly," and appeared on series such as "Glee" and "The Neighbors."



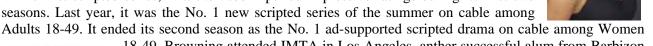
Alum Jessica Biel—who came to IMTA with a training center in Denver—returns to TV to guest-star in the Season 4 opener of the Fox hit "New Girl" playing the hottest scientist in the world who will give Jess (series star Zooey Dechanel) some serious competition at a wedding when they both have eyes for the same guy. The episode is set to air Tuesday, September 16. Biel's latest project has been working with her younger brother, Justin Biel, on their eco-conscious bag line, Bare.



Rachel Boston stars in the Lifetime series, "The Witches of East End," which is currently in the middle of Season 2. Boston—who came to IMTA with Ambiance Model and Talent in Chatanooga—plays Ingrid, one of the daughters in a family of witches that also includes

Julia Ormond, Jenna Dewan-Tatum and Madchen Amick. While there is no word yet on the prospects for a third season, "Witches" has received favorable reviews and steady ratings.

Logan Browning just wrapped Season 2 as Jalena Howard on VH1's "Hit the Floor," a sexy scripted soap centered on the Los Angeles Devil Girls—the dance team for the city's fictional pro basketball team—which has been renewed for Season 3. As VH1's first scripted series, "Hit the Floor" pulled impressive ratings during its first two seasons. Last year, it was the No. 1 new scripted series of the summer on cable among



18-49. Browning attended IMTA in Los Angeles, anther successful alum from Barbizon

Brooke Burns, an alum from Page Parkes in Dallas, continues as host Game Show Network's (GSN) "*The Chase*," which just completed Season 3 and will return for Season 4 in 2015. 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 just finish her first

season as host for truTV's "Motor City Masters," which pitted 10 talented designers from different parts of the automotive industry against each other each week in the ambitious task of creating new, fully-functional concept cars based around a theme. No announcement has been made whether "Motor City Masters" will return.

Sibylla Deen has been starring as a regular in the FX series "Tyrant" as Nusrat Al-Fayeed. "Tyrant" follows the story of an unassuming American family drawn into the workings of a turbulent Middle Eastern nation. The series just wrapped Season 1 and is expected to be renewed. Deen came to IMTA from a center in upstate New York and won Female Actor of

the Year.

Alum Jimmy Deshler, from Caryn International in Minneapolis, continues as series regular Rafe Kovich, Jr. on ABC's long-running "General Hospital." His documentary Hope for Our Own: An LA Story, on which he is the co-director, writer, cinema-photographer and narrator alongside fellow teen Riley Beres, has been selected for screening at numerous film festivals, including the New Media Film Festival, the Santa Monica Teen Film

Festival—where it won the Audience Choice Award—and the Burbank International Film Festival. The documentary is about homelessness and giving a voice to homelessness as a means to create social change. When

he's not on set, Deshler volunteers at Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission as an honorary Youth Board Member of Children in film and The Los Angeles Mission.

Male model of the Year Josh Duhamel is set to star alongside Dean Winters, Kal Penn and Janet McTeer in "Battle Creek," which will have a mid-season debut in 2015. In the new series, two detectives with different views on the world team up and using cynicism, guile and deception, they clean up the streets of Battle Creek. Duhamel also voices the recurring







character of Captain Flynn in the Disney animated series "Jake and the Never Land Pirates." Duhamel will next be seen in the drama "You're Not You," alongside Hilary Swank and Emmy Rossum, which is set for

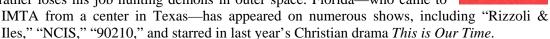
limited release October 10.

Sean Faris appears as Gabriel Holbrook on ABC Family's "Pretty Little Liars," which is wrapping up Season 5 but has already been renewed for Seasons 6 and 7. Season 6 will begin airing in 2015. During the break from the TV series, Faris—who came to a New York IMTA from Cleveland—is working on two feature films. Recently

announced is his casting in Avouterie, in which he will star 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. Currently filming is *The App*, in which 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.

Alum Matthew Florida currently stars as Raif on the web series "Oishi High School Battle," which is currently in Season 3. The series follows young Oishi who is trying to fit in on Earth after her father loses his job hunting demons in outer space. Florida—who came to



Alum Christopher Gorham stars opposite Piper Perabo as blind tech operative Auggie Anderson on USA's "Covert Affairs" which is on a mid-season break. Season 5 resumes in October. Gorham, who came to IMTA with Buckingham of Fresno, California, also starred on "Ugly Betty" as Betty's boyfriend, Henry, as well as other series such as "Jake 2.0," "Harper's Island," "Medical Investigation" and "Out of Practice." Gorham also voices Barry Allen/The Flash in the animated Justice League feature videos. Justice League: War

was released earlier this year; Justice League: Throne of Atlantis is due out next year.

Brian Gross, an alum who came to a New York IMTA from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, stars as Captain Kirk in the award-winning web TV series "Star Trek New Voyages: Phase II," which debuted a new episode ("Mind Sifter") September 9. The series, which began in 2004, tells of the new voyages of the starship Enterprise, picking up from where the original five-year mission left-off. Gross has appeared on over 30 TV shows, including guest starring roles on "Anger Management," "CSI: NY," "NCIS," "CSI," "2 Broke Girls," "JAG," and "Psych," and made-for-TV movies such as Gila! and Bone Eater.





Chelsea Harris, another successful alum from Barbizon in Atlanta, is in the recurring role of Belle on the new CBS thriller "Stalker" with Maggie Q and Dylan McDermott playing a pair of detectives investigating stalkers in Los Angeles. The highly anticipated series debuts October 1. Harris also has the role of Lisa in "Mr. Robinson" which received an order for six episodes and is booked to air on NBC mid-season. The show centers on a rough-edged musician who's adjusting to his new life as a music teacher in a big-city middle school where he encounters teacher politics and the temptations of single moms.

Alum Miles Heizer continues in his role as Drew in NBC's "Parenthood," which will air its sixth and final season. Heizer came to IMTA from Images Model & Talent Agency in Lexington, Kentucky, winning Male Pre-Teen Actor and Male Pre-Teen Model of the Year. He appears in the feature Rudderless, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival earlier this year and is being released in theatres October 17. He also stars alongside James Franco and Thomas Mann in Memoria which has not yet been scheduled for distribution.





Alum Brad James currently stars as Todd on "Tyler Perry's For Better or Worse" that returns September 17 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 roles in several independent films in the past year, including What Love Will Make You

Do, Comeback Dad—which premiered at the American Black Film Festival in June—and the TV romance movie Love the One You're

With.

First Runner-up Male Model of the Year Ashton Kutcher continues in his starring role as Walden Schmidt on "Two and a Half Men" in the hit comedy's 10th and final season on CBS when it returns October 30. Following the completion of the series, Kutcher will be able to return to the many projects put on hold by his Katalyst Films production company



when he joined "Two and a Half Men," as well as concentrate on the major upcoming project of becoming a father to his first child with fiancée Mila Kunis.



An IMTA New York alum, Katie LeClerc currently stars as Daphne Vasquez on the ABC Family hit "Switched at Birth," which just completed its third season; Season 4 will air in 2015. 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."

Eva Longoria will soon be making her way to the courthouse on the hit FOX comedy "Brooklyn Nine-Nine," playing a defense attorney who clashes with series star Andy Samberg's character. The Texas native will appear for a three-episode arc set to begin sometime in November. Longoria also continues as Executive Producer of Lifetime's "Devious Maids," which is expected to be renewed for a third season. In addition, she served as Executive Producer of the documentary Food Chains in which she joins with other activists to stop the systemic exploitation and abuse of farm workers while helping secure their rights. Oscar winner Forest Whitaker narrates Food Chains, which hits theaters November 21.





IMTA New York's Young Miss Actress of the Year, Caitlyn Taylor Love, continues as the voice of Ava Ayala/The White Tiger on Disney XD's "Marvel's Ultimate Spiderman." The hit series, which just debuted its third season, follows the adventures of Spider-Man and four other teen heroes who join S.H.I.E.L.D.'s exclusive training program to become the ultimate super heroes. Taylor Love, who came to IMTA from a center in Texas and was a semi-finalist on the first season of "America's Got Talent," previously starred as Izzy Fuentes on XD's "I'm in the Band." She stars in the feature thriller *The Ghosts on Hurdle Avenue* which premiered at the Lagniappe Film Festival in May.

Actress of the Year Katie O'Grady is filming the adventure series "Runestone," which is looking to air in

2015. The series follows a group of Vikings in the late 9th Century who flee Iceland into unknown waters. After a powerful storm at sea, they make landfall in the New World. O'Grady, who came to IMTA with IMD, is in the role of Adisa Naesdottir. She also had a lead role in the horror flick *Something Wicked*, which was released



earlier this year, and will be seen in the upcoming films *Actual Reality* and *Sterotypically You*.



Adrianne Palicki has been added to the cast of Agents Of S.H.I.E.L.D for Season 2. Coming to IMTA with Starbound Entertainment Group, Palicki will play Barbara "Bobbi" Morse, aka Mockingbird. She has been busy this past year with roles in several series, including the animated "Robot Chicken," Comedy Central's "Drunk History," a recurring role as Vanessa Styles in "From Dusk Till Dawn," and as Dr. Samantha Lake in "About a Boy"—a role she will reprise in that series' Season 2. Palicki also stars in the upcoming

John Wick opposite Keanu Reeves; the action thriller is scheduled for release October 24.

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, which is nearing the Season 3 finale and has been renewed for a fourth, 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. The young actress, who came to IMTA with from a center in Texas, is also set to star in the pilot for a new Disney comedy series, "Growing Up and Down." The family comedy follows a pair of adult parents who suddenly and inexplicably are



transformed into teenagers again and must re-live their adolescence under the critical eyes of their children.

In addition, Rodriguez is reprising her role as Maya for the 2015 feature sequel *Paul Blart*:

Mall Cop 2.



Zach Roerig stars on the CW hit "The Vampire Diaries," which is readying for its Season 6 premiere on October 2. Roerig, who 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. He appears next in the feature drama Field of Lost Shoes, which is adapted from a book of the same name, about the Civil War Battle of New Market in Virginia on May

15, 1864. The film premiered in Richmond, VA, in April and is being released theatrically September 26.

Alum Brandon Routh is joining the cast of the CW's "Arrow" as Ray Palmer, aka Atom, for Season 3 which kicks off October 8. Routh, who has been doing numerous guest-star appearances on series such as "Enlisted," "The Millers," "The Exes" and a recurring role on "Chosen," also has a Hallmark romance due out in December for the holidays, "The Nine Lives of Christmas." He is currently filming the sci-fi feature 400 Days which is scheduled for an April, 2015 release.





Emmy-nominated alum Freddie Smith has been starring as Sonny Kiriakis on daytime's "Days of Our Lives" for the past four years. Another alum from Ohio, Smith has garnered a lot of positive publicity for his portrayal of an openly gay character whose storyline tackles homophobia and anti-gay bullying. The long-running soap has had a slew of IMTA alums as regular or recurring characters, including Kyle Lowder, Farah Fath, Matthew Florida, Max Decker and Joel West. Smith also produced, wrote and acted in his own comedy web series, Addicts Anonymous, with friends and fellow actors Jack Briggs and Nate Hartley.

Riley Smith just ended a run on the CW series "*True Blood*," which had its series finale at the end of August. Smith has a starring role in Lifetime's adaptation of Nicholas Sparks' "*Deliverance Creek*," a two-hour TV movie that serves as a backdoor pilot for an hour-long period drama, which premieres September 13. Smith also recently filmed "*The HOA*," a made-for-TV movie that centers on a dysfunctional homeowners association and it's larger than life characters. Cheri Oteri, Horatio Sanz and Andrea Gabriel also star in the comedy, which has not yet received an air date.





IMTA New York Child Model of the Year Alyson Stoner continues as Isabella on the long-running Disney hit "*Phineas and Ferb*," now in its eighth year. She also voices the recurring character of Opal on Nickelodeon's animated "*The Legend of Korra*," which just ended Season 3 and has been renewed for Season 4 in 2015. Stoner—who attended IMTA with Starbound Entertainment Group—had a lead role in the *Step Up* movie series, including the latest entry *Step Up*: *All In*. She recently completed a starring role in *The A-*

List, which also stars alum Katie O'Grady; a release date has not yet been scheduled.

Olivia Stuck will star in the new Disney XD series "Kirby Buckets" as Kirby's older sister Dawn. The series, which mixes live action and animation, will premiere October 20. Stuck, who also attended IMTA with Starbound Entertainment Group, also appears in the recurring role of Missy on Disney's "Girl Meets World." The young actress, who appeared in 2013's Last Vegas, will soon be seen on the big screen again in the horror flick

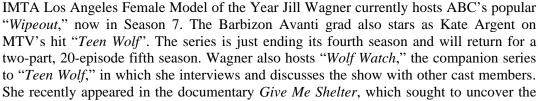


Altergeist, which had its premiere at the UK's recent FrightFest. A US release has not yet been scheduled.



Canadian alum Emmanuelle Vaugier will be returning to her guest star role as the evil Dar Fae leader, The Morrigan, on Syfy's popular "Lost Girl" series, the fifth and final season which will begin airing on Canadian TV in December and in the US in 2015. In addition to her current series, Vaugier has appeared in nearly 60 other TV series and made-for-TV movies, including recurring roles on "Two and a Half Men," "Covert Affairs," "CSI: NY"

and "One Tree Hill." She has appeared in over 30 feature films and videos, such as 40 Day and 40 Nights, Secondhand Lions, Saw II and Saw IV.





most prevalent issues in the animal world through the eyes of individuals dedicating their lives to them daily.



Coming to IMTA from upstate New York, alum Travis Winfrey stars as Omar on "Single Ladies," a series that revolves around three friends from different backgrounds and their pursuit of success, prosperity and love in up-and-coming Atlanta. The show was cancelled after Season 3 on VH1 but was picked up to continue on BET Centric. Queen Latifah's Flavor Unit Entertainment company is developing what will be a 4th season exclusively for the network. Winfrey is currently working on the independent film Last Hours, for which he

is also an Executive Producer.

Congratulations to these and all IMTA alumni on their TV successes.