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**24TH ANNUAL NANTUCKET FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES
ALL FEMALE LINEUP FOR 2019 SCREENWRITERS TRIBUTE**

**SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE WRITERS & PERFORMERS:
JANE CURTIN, ANNE BEATTS, SUDI GREEN & SARAH SCHNEIDER TO RECEIVE
CREATIVE IMPACT IN TELEVISION AWARD
CECILY STRONG TO PRESENT**

LESLIE DIXON TO RECEIVE SCREENWRITERS TRIBUTE AWARD

**SIGNATURE PROGRAMS, SHORT FILM LINEUP, & ADDITIONAL FEATURES ANNOUNCED,
INCLUDING SPECIAL CONVERSATION AND SCREENING WITH GILLIAN JACOBS**

New York, NY (May 8, 2019) – The Nantucket Film Festival (NFF) announced today a complete female slate of honorees and focus for the 2019 Screenwriters Tribute, one of the festival's tentpole events. *Saturday Night Live* writers and performers **Jane Curtin, Anne Beatts, Sudi Green**, and **Sarah Schneider** will be awarded the Creative Impact in Television Award which will be presented by **Cecily Strong**; and Screenwriter and film producer **Leslie Dixon** will receive the Screenwriters Tribute Award. The Screenwriters Tribute will take place on Saturday, June 22nd, 2019. The 24th Nantucket Film Festival (NFF) will take place June 19-24, 2019, celebrating the art of screenwriting and storytelling in cinema and television, on a beautiful island rich with history.

This year NFF will honor some of entertainment's funniest storytellers – *SNL* alumni writers and performers, spanning the full history of show, **Jane Curtin, Anne Beatts, Sarah Schneider**, and **Sudi Green** with the Creative Impact in Television Writing Award. Current *SNL* performer **Cecily Strong** will present the Award. In a writer's room that has been often seen as a boy's club, these women have distinguished themselves with notable and hilarious wit, sketches, jokes, deliveries and performances. Curtin, an Emmy®-Award winning and Golden Globe nominated actress, was a *SNL* regular from 1975-1980 when she debuted as one of the original members of the Not Ready for Prime Time Players. Curtin has also starred in films and TV series including 3RD ROCK FROM THE SUN, KATE & ALLIE, CONEHEADS, and I LOVE YOU, MAN. Beatts is an Emmy® Award-winning and WGA-winning writer who joined the creative team at *SNL* in the early years and was part of the show from 1975-1979. Schneider was a writer with *SNL* from 2011-2017 and youngest co-head writers in the show's history and is the co-creator of Comedy Central's latest sitcom THE OTHER TWO. Emmy® Award-nominated writer Green is currently a writer at *SNL*, starting her career with the show in 2015. Strong has been an *SNL* series regular since 2012, known for her characters Cathy Anne on "Weekend Update" and Gemma. She has also appeared in the reboot of GHOSTBUSTERS, THE BRONZE, and THE BOSS. Previous recipients of the award include Beau Willimon, Jeffrey Klarik, and David Crane.

The festival's prestigious Screenwriters Tribute Award will be given to screenwriter and film producer **Leslie Dixon**. The award is given to a screenwriter whose writing has had a distinct impact on the landscape of cinema. With a career spanning over 30 years in the industry Dixon's resume of work includes notable titles from MRS. DOUBTFIRE, HAIRSPRAY, THE THOMAS CROWN AFFAIR, and OVERBOARD to OUTRAGEOUS FORTUNE, FREAKY FRIDAY, and THE HEARTBREAK KID. Previous recipients of the award include Noah Baumbach, Nancy Meyers, Tom McCarthy, Oliver Stone, David O. Russell, Judd Apatow, Paul Haggis, Aaron Sorkin, and Steve Martin, among others.

"Over the years, The Nantucket Film Festival has always looked to honor the incredible work of the industry's screenwriters and storytellers. This year we are thrilled to be recognizing a group of trailblazing female performers and writers whose efforts continue to leave a lasting impact on Hollywood," said Mystelle Brabbée, Executive Director of the Nantucket Film Festival. "From the impactful words Leslie Dixon has brought to the screen, to the hilarious sketches from Jane Curtin, Anne Beatts, Sudi Green, and Sarah Schneider of *SNL*, who have been pioneers for women in comedy, we look forward to highlighting the evolution of female voices over the last four decades."

NFF also announced additional Signature Programs, with the return of **Late Night Storytelling** hosted by NPR's *Ask Me Another* **Ophira Eisenberg** and **The Comedy Roundtable: SNL Writers Room Gold**, with *Saturday Night Live* writers and performers revealing some of the best sketches that didn't or couldn't air! Guests will go behind the scenes of America's renowned comedy show, digging into how *SNL* writers and cast members collaborate to take half-baked ideas to screen-ready sketches. Actress and director **Gillian Jacobs** joins the festival with a screening and special conversation about her narrative directorial debut **CURATED**. Jacobs is known for portraying Britta Perry on the NBC/Yahoo! Screen comedy series *COMMUNITY* and Mickey Dobbs on the Netflix series *LOVE*. Actress **Ilana Levine** will also bring her popular Podcast **Little Known Facts** to Nantucket where she will interview Screenwriters Tribute Honoree **Leslie Dixon**. In addition, NFF will host its annual **TV Pilot Script Reading** with Screenwriters Colony and bring back its daily **Morning Coffee With...** series along with **Afternoon Tea Talks**.

The Festival revealed its **Feature Film lineup** last month, but today announced several additions below. NFF also announced its **Short Film lineup**. The Festival is proud to note this year the Shorts Programs have achieved gender parity among the invited writers and directors.

FEATURE FILM LINEUP ADDITIONS:

GOLDIE

Narrative Feature

Writer/Director: Sam De Jong

Would-be dancing star Goldie is on the verge of a big break when her mother is arrested, forcing her to take care of her little sisters, in this stylish and scrappy New York City fable.

THE PEANUT BUTTER FALCON

Narrative Feature

Writers/Directors: Tyler Nilson & Michael Schwartz

Zak runs away from his care home and teams with fugitive Tyler to go on the adventure of a lifetime. Featuring Shia LaBeouf, Dakota Johnson, Zack Gottsagen, John Hawkes, Thomas Haden Church, Bruce Dern. Winner: Audience Award, SXSW

WELCOME TO THE BEYOND

Documentary Feature

Director: Brent Huff

The surprising story of the world's first male supermodel, who was secretly a member of a doomsday cult.

SHORT FILM PROGRAM LINEUP

CHARACTERS WELCOME

True stories profiling unforgettable individuals.

THE GUY: THE BRIAN DONAHUE STORY (Director: E.J. McLeavey-Fisher)

MEMORY VIDEO (Director: Roy Power)

TRUE BELIEVER (Director: Sarah Colt)

AFTER THE FIRE (Director: Spencer Seibert)

MACK WRESTLES (Directors: Erin Sanger, Taylor Hess)

KIDS SHORTS

Stories for our youngest audience members.

THE PIG ON THE HILL (Writer: John Kelly, Directors: Jamy Wheless, John Helms)

KUAP (Writer/Director: Nils Hedinger)

ONE SMALL STEP (Writer: Shaofu Zhang, Writers/Directors: Andrew Chesworth, Bobby Pontillas)

ZOG (Writer: Suzanne Lang, Writer/Director: Max Lang, Director: Daniel Snaddon, Narrator: Pierce Brosnan)

COLOR BIRDS (COUCOULEURS) (Writer/Director: Oana Lacroix)

SAM'S DREAM (Writer/Director: Nölwenn Roberts)

A TIGER WITH NO STRIPES (Writer/Director: Raul Robin Morales Reyes)

HORS PISTE (Writers/Directors: Leo Brunel, Loris Cavalier, Camille Jalabert, Oscar Malet)

MATILDA (Writer/Director: Irene Iborra, Director: Eduard Puertas Anfruns)

LAUGH OUT LOUD

Prepare to be amused by this scripted collection of humorous stories.

MILTON (Writer/Director: Tim Wilkime)

JACK (Writer/Director: Nick Paonessa)

CLARK (Writer/Director: Nelson Torres)

PASSIVE AGGRESSIVE DADS (Writer/Director: Jim Picariello)

WHITE GUYS SOLVE SEXISM (Writer: Eric T. Roth, Writer/Director: Christopher Guerrero)

NORA EPHRON GOES TO PRISON (Writer: Suzy Evans, Director: Hannah Elles)

BAGGAGE (Writer: Allison Spence Brown, Writer/Director: Amos Vernon)

WESTFALIA (Writer/Director: Haley Finnegan)

SHOW AND TELL

True stories illustrating notable lives and unexpected experiences.

CONNECTED (Director: Aleksandra Maciejczyk)

THE CLINIC (Director: Elivia Shaw)

JACKSON POLLOCK: BLUE POLES (Director: Alison Chernick)

LITTLE MISS SUMO (Director: Matt Kay)

THE LIKES AND DISLIKES OF MARJ BAGLEY (Director: Taylor Stanton)

TIME WARP

Scripted stories looking forward and backward.

IN OTHER WORDS (Writer: Kenny Lucas, Writer/Director: Lola Blanc)

LABOR (Writer: Andrea Brusa, Writer/Director: Cecilia Albertini)

THE STRANGER (Writer/Director: Damon Davis)

THE MINORS (Writer/Director: Robert Machoian)

THE MOON AND THE NIGHT (Writer: Justin Omori, Writer/Director: Erin Lau)

THE THERAPIST (Writer: Eleanor Burke, Writer/Director: Ron Eyal)

WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR

Scripted stories featuring searching characters.

PALM TREES AND POWER LINES (Writer/Director: Jamie Dack)

PA'LANTE (Writer/Director: Kristian Mercado)

CHURROS (Writers/Directors: Emilie McDonald, Bruce Smolanoff)

MILKSHAKE (Writer/Director: Brittany Snow)

NO TRAVELER RETURNS (Writer/Director: Ellie Foubmi)

NAAN & BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE (Writer/Director: Urvashi Pathania)

MASTER MAGGIE (Writer: Julianna Gelinias Bonifacio, Writer/Director: Matthew Bonifacio, Starring: Lorraine Bracco, Brian Dennehy, Kenan Thompson)

Also announced are the initial selections in the Festival's ***Virtual Reality Experiences***.

ENTER THE STORY: VIRTUAL REALITY EXPERIENCES

ASHE '68

Project Creator: Brad Lichtenstein

Key Collaborators: Beth Hubbard, Rex Miller, Jeff Fitzsimmons

THE ATOMIC TREE

Screenwriter: David Haskell

Screenwriters/Directors: Emmanuel Vaughan-Lee, Adam Loftin

Narration: Peter Coyote

INCITEMENT

Director/Screenwriter: Wiebe van den Ende

TRAVELING WHILE BLACK

Director: Roger Ross Williams; Co-Directors: Félix Lajeunesse, Paul Raphaël, Ayesha Nadarajah

Key Collaborators: Bonnie Nelson Schwartz, Stéphane Rituït, Ryan Horrigan, Jihan Robinson

Additional programming and festival announcements will be made in the coming weeks.

The 24th Annual Nantucket Film Festival runs from June 19-24, 2019. Festival passes are on sale now and ticket packages will go on sale Monday, May 20, 2019 at 12:00PM EST on the festival's [website](#).

ABOUT THE NANTUCKET FILM FESTIVAL

The Nantucket Film Festival was founded by brother and sister team Jonathan and Jill Burkhart in 1996 to promote the cultural awareness and appreciation of screenwriting and storytelling. Since then, NFF has become one of the premier destination film festivals in the world. Visitors come from all over the world to experience the preview screenings, unique signature programs, and stand out

hospitality on a magical island rich with history, a friendly atmosphere, and beautiful sandy beaches. In addition to screening over 100 films across six days, NFF presents the Screenwriters Tribute, Late Night Storytelling, the Comedy Roundtable, our daily Morning Coffee With...®, and other Signature Programs.

The Nantucket Film Festival is supported by **Showtime** and **White Elephant** as Major Sponsors; **A&E Indie Films, Delta Airlines, WGBH, Bank of America** and **Brand Content** as Contributing Sponsors.

The 24th Annual Nantucket Film Festival will take place June 19-24, 2019. For further information on the 2019 Nantucket Film Festival, please visit www.nantucketfilmfestival.org.

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