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NYC Web Fest We're ba-aack...

As the Founder of NYC Web Fest, sometimes it's hard (or easy!) to separate myself from Lauren Atkins the person, and Lauren Atkins the entrepreneur.

It wasn't until recently, when I listened to a singer/songwriter describe her depression at the beginning of the pandemic, that I was reminded of how dark those days were in 2020.

Leaving Toronto and heading back to New York was not an option, and opening the festival for submissions in May with everyone frozen in fear, wasn't the right move either.

I remember telling family members in Cape Town that I'd "lost everything." I was sinking and couldn't see a way out of my own misery. It was around that time my entrepreneur self and the brand she built took over. It was literally all I could do.

Moving NYC Web Fest online in 2020 and 2021 was one of the best decisions I've ever made. As a business owner - and most importantly as a human being. I learned new technology, new skills, watched fantastic films made during isolation, and STILL managed to connect (and reconnect) with artists around the world.

And now for 2022.

To bring NYC Web Fest to a new city and return it to an in-person experience was intimidating to say the least. I had no idea just over a year ago that I'd end up in Miami and start a whole new life for myself. I've been welcomed and blessed at every turn, and I am so grateful.

At this time, I'd like to thank Sabrina, Eden, and Sergio for taking me in and changing my life, the awesome team at The Sand Bar + Kitchen lead by Tim Wilcox, all of the 2022 NYC Web Fest volunteers, everyone at Bobs Your Uncle Miami, and last but not least, Team NYC Web Fest! To Lindsay, Robert, MelimeL, Dennis, and our jury - I could never have pulled this off without you!

It's crazy how many people's lives and locations have changed in the past couple of years. But still we carry on. Like Broadway star and 2020 jury member Julie Halston famously said at our virtual chat two years ago, "artists save the world."

Welcome to the NINTH ANNUAL NYC Web Fest in Miami Beach! And welcome back to everyone coming back from the dark, me included. We're thrilled to have you!

With Gratitude,

Lauren Atkins Founder, NYC Web Fest



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# 2022 NYC WEB FEST Screening Blocks

### Friday, November 11, 2022

## Screening Block 1 ~ Happy Days (Reunited and it feels so good!)

You Belong fête Friendmates Topline

#### Screening Block 2 ~ One Flew Under the Cuckoo's Nest (A look at Australia's finest)

Sirens Guinea Pigs One Room Renovations

#### Screening Block 3 ~ Tales of the Unexpected

Reformed The Last Bee on Earth Sleep With Me MacLochlan & Leaf ASKA

### Saturday, November 12, 2022

#### Screening Block 4 ~ Family Ties

We Live & We Learn Pops Whala Whala!: An Italian Dad Talk Show Scratch This The Series

## Screening Block 5 ~ Almost Famous (You're doing *amazing* Sweetie!)

28 is Great

DIVA short film Fairytale Fallout The Art of Living with Calli Ryals

#### Screening Block 6 ~ Back to the Future

Zero Method Getting Aria Back SANDY King & Pawn

Screening Block 7 ~ The (Se)X Files (Adult Accompaniment Required)

Sui Generis (Season 3) Boyfriend The Y Theory

### Sunday, November 13, 2022

#### **Screening Block 8 ~ Stranger Things**

Minimally Invasive Procedure Abracadavers Lazy Bones

#### Screening Block 9 ~ The More You Know

Bad at This Caty's World Adaptation Preparing for Eel Season with a Handcrafted Wooden Eel Spoon

#### Screening Block 10 ~ Fools Rush In

Other Plans Geomapping Love Legit Married True Reviews Chill Girl **(World Premiere)** 

# 2022 NYC WEB FEST SERIES CREDITS

#### Screening Block 1 ~ Happy Days (Reunited and it feels so good!)

#### You Belong

Producer: Gay AF Comedy Director: Andrew Lamb Writer: Robert Watson Editor: Robert Watson D.O.P./Cinematographer: Andrew Lamb Ensemble Cast: Robert Watson, Anthony Yu, Danielle Stein, Rush Kazi, Andrew Lamb

#### fête

Producer: Krista Hovsepian Director: Krista Hovsepian and Cailleah Scott-Grimes Writer: Krista Hovsepian Editor: Christina E. Borins D.O.P./Cinematographer: Cailleah Scott-Grimes and Christina E. Borins Lighting Coordinator: Cailleah Scott-Grimes and Christina E. Borins Sound Editor / Sound Design: Bret Killoran Music/Composer: Sara Bortolon-Vettor and Emma Bortolon-Vettor of Bonnie Tras

Ensemble Cast: Krista Hovsepian, Nina Rausch, Tamara Perry, Brandon George, Jona Xiao, Brock Jones, Maurice WhitfieldZach Porter Supporting Actresses - Miranda Kildee, Asia Carlton Ensemble Cast - Westly Monroe, Kurt Pena, Tj Wong, Eryn Simone, Monet Allen

#### Friendmates

Producer Elena Kotunova. Olga Volodina Director Dina Shturmanova Writer Andrey Berezhansky, Dina Shturmanova Editor Alexander Pak. Flizaveta Krikunova D.O.P./Cinematographer Vasily Ryzhov Lighting Coordinator Kirill Velikanov Sound Editor / Sound Design Georgy Lebedev Lead Actor Artem Tsukanov Lead Actress Lukerva Ilvashenko Supporting Actor Dmitry Endaltsev, Artem Eshkin Supporting Actress Julia Frants

#### Screening Block 2 ~ One Flew Under the Cuckoo's Nest (A look at Australia's finest)

#### Sirens

Producer: Kaitlyn McMurtry Director: Orla Doyle Writer: Orla Doyle Editor: Peter Skinner, Orla Doyle D.O.P./Cinematographer: Rachel Gammel Lighting Coordinator: Tom Pennell, Jean-David Le Goullon Sound Editor / Sound Design: Alex Linder Music/Composer: Stanley Doyle Lead Actress: Cat Ayyar Supporting Actress: Julia Gardell Ensemble Cast: JK Kazzi, Jack Crumlin

#### **Guinea Pigs**

Producer - Daniel O'Sullivan, Robert Hayward, Natalie Cattach, Wade George, Josh Appleton Director - Melissa Pragassen Writer - Daniel O'Sullivan and Sunny Munn Editor - James Carr D.O.P./Cinematographer -Bennie Cronie Sound Editor / Sound Design - Bruce Armstrong Music/Composer - Buried Feather Lead Actor - Will Ewing, Sunny Munn Lead Actress - Charli Tjoe Supporting Actor - Nick Maxwell, Andrew O'Keefe, Mason Turmaine Supporting Actress - Chiara Farrell Ensemble Cast - Will Ewing, Sunny Munn, Charli Tioe, Chiara Farrell, Nick Maxwell, Andrew O'Keefe, Mason Turmaine, Stingray

#### **One Room Renovations**

Producer: Madison Sara,

Michael Jones Director: Caitlin Farrugia. Michael Jones Writer: Caitlin Farrugia, Michael Jones Editor: Michael Jones D.O.P./Cinematographer: Corey Clement Lighting Coordinator: Corey Clement Sound Editor / Sound Design: Nikola Ursic Music/Composer: N/A Lead Actress: Eva Seymour, Marianne McLoughlin Supporting Actor: Jackson Tozer Supporting Actress: Michelle Keating Ensemble Cast: Bintoro Tedjosiswoyo, Felise Morales, Harlene Hercules, Kevin Dee, Doug Lyons, Ronn Kurtz, Michelle Zintschenko, Freya Patience

#### Screening Block 3 ~ Tales of the Unexpected

#### Reformed

Producer: Michael Bateson-Hill & Aaron Kilkenny-Fletcher Director: Laura McMahon Writer: Michael Bateson-Hill & Aaron Kilkenny-Fletcher Editor: Milo Brann D.O.P.: Angus Mitchell Sound Editor / Sound Design: Samuel Mason Lead Actor: Carl Donnelly Ensemble Cast: Annie McGrath, Hannah Norris, Aaron Kilkenny-Fletcher, Michael Bateson-Hill

#### MacLochlan & Leaf

Producer - Charlie Fay, Zack Arch, Charlie Laud, Zoe Mallen Director - Zack Arch & Charlie Fay Writer - Charlie Fay Editor - Charlie Fay D.O.P./Cinematographer - Annie Fuentes, Zack Arch Lighting Coordinator - Annie Fuentes Sound Editor / Sound Design - Alex Thomas, Tyler Walker, Trisha Golec Lead Actor - Charlie Fay

#### Screening Block 4 ~ Family Ties

#### We Live & We Learn

Producer - Kareema Bee, Michael Grady, Sean McNulty, John Gara, Evan Kleinman, Zulay Troche, Marquavia Queen Smith Director - Kareema Bee (attending and interested in being part of a panel) Writer - Kareema Bee Editor - Maura Willev D.O.P./Cinematographer -Phil Nolan Lighting Coordinator - Phil Nolan Sound Editor / Sound Design - Maura Willey Music/Composer - Maura Willev Ensemble Cast - Scarlett & Sam Diviney, Anne Walker, Tiarry Monae, Tydre, Sharon Renee Turner. Shanice Turner, London Skye Gilliam, Kareema Bee, Malcolm Pinckney, Doris Switzer. Steven Switzer II, Nicole Ampadu, Alex Ampadu, Shirlyn Cesar, Ashley Grace

#### Pops

Producer Anton Zaitsev, Anton Shchukin, Artem Loginov Director Dmitry Efimovich Writer Aleksei Litvinenko, Pavel Tikhomirov, Alexander Kagarmanov, Alexander Turkin, Alexander Nikolaev, Aleksei Nikolaev, Dmitry Efimovich Editor Marcel Shamshulin D.O.P./Cinematographer Alexander Tananov Lighting Coordinator Alexander Kozlenko Sound Editor / Sound Design Alexev Sinitsin Music/Composer Alexey Kestner Lead Actor Stanislav Starovoitov, Vladimir Vdovichenkov Lead Actress Nadezhda Mikhalkova Supporting Actor Sevastian Bugaev, Andrey Andreev Supporting Actress Diana Enkaeva, Elena Lvadova Ensemble Cast Stanislav Starovoitov, Nadezhda Mikhalkova, Vladimir Vdovichenkov. Diana Enkaeva, Sevastian Bugaev, Andrey Andreev, Elena Lyadova

## Whala Whala!: An Italian Dad Talk Show

Producer - Marina di Marzo & Emily Sen Director - Marina di Marzo Writer - Marina di Marzo Editor - Marina di Marzo D.O.P./Cinematographer - Emily Sen & Kathleen Cameron Lighting Coordinator - Emily Sen & Kathleen Cameron Sound Editor / Sound Design - Marina di Marzo

#### Screening Block 5 ~ Almost Famous (You're doing amazing Sweetie!)

#### 28 is Great

Producer - Jasmine Dorothy Haefner, Júnia Caldeira Simão Director - Jasmine Dorothy Haefner Writer - Jasmine Dorothy Haefner Editor - Daniel Welch D.O.P./Cinematographer -Daniel Welch Lighting Coordinator - N/A Sound Editor / Sound Design - Amelia Palmer Music/Composer - Amelia Palmer Lead Actress - Jasmine Dorothy Haefner

#### DIVA

Director: Christopher J. Mack Writer: Christopher J. Mack Editor: Annie Pierre D.O.P./Cinematographer: Payam Azadi Sound Mix: Angelique Burguin Music Editor: Christopher Bowen Lead Actor: Valéry Schatz Lead Actress: Joanna Pickering Ensemble Cast: Xavier Pilloy, David Sordoillet, Belkis Abed, Manon Tissier, Sabine Crossen, Elly Norris, Elena Luoto

#### **Fairytale Fallout**

Producer: Adam Henry Garcia/Michael Fisher Director: Adam Henry Garcia Writer: Adam Henry Garcia Editor: Adam Henry Garcia D.O.P./Cinematographer: Michael Fisher Lighting Coordinator: Michael Fisher Sound Editor / Sound Design: Richard Hamilton Lead Actor: Adam Henry Garcia

## The Art of Living with Calli Ryals

Producer: Cali Ryals Director: Calli Ryals Writer: Calli Ryals Editor: Ellie Hall D.O.P./Cinematographer: Hex Yang Sound Editor / Sound Design: Noisefloor Chicago Lead Actor: Aaron Heuer Lead Actress: Calli Ryals Supporting Actress: Alyse McGuigan

## Screening Block 6 ~ Back to the Future

#### Zero Method

Producer - Ben Myers& Nicholas Richter Director - Ben Myers Writer - Ben Myers Editor. - Ben Myers + Rachel Pearl D.O.P./Cinematographer -Nicholas Richter Lighting Coordinator - Paul Wallace Sound Editor / Sound Design - Spencer Shafter Music/Composer -Alexander Arntzen Lead Actor - Ben Myers Lead Actress - Jessica Noboa Supporting Actor - Mu-Shaka Benson Supporting Actress - Imani Pearl Williams Ensemble Cast - Jake Soister. Dani Thomas. Leighton Samuels, Rebecca Brinkley

#### **Getting Aria Back**

Producer: Heidytorr Director: Heidytorr Writer: Heidytorr Editor: Gabriel Soyka D.O.P./Cinematographer: Gabriel Soyka Lighting Coordinator: Gabriel Soyka Sound Editor / Sound Design: Dean Robaina Music/Composer: Dean Robaina Lead Actress: Heidytorr Supporting Actor: Isabella Acosta Torres Supporting Actress: Nakary Ericsson

#### Screening Block 7 ~ The (Se)X Files (Adult Accompaniment Required)

#### Sui Generis (Season 3)

Producer (Episode: Vanessa): Roberto Nascimento, Daniela Conforte, Luke Haigh Producer (Episode: Casper): Roberto Nascimento, Milon Tesiram, Jonathan Potton, Gabriel Lunte, Daniela Conforte Director: Roberto Nascimento Writer (Episode: Vanessa): Marcia Sasano, Roberto Nascimento Writer (Episode: Casper): Louis Mendiola Editor (Episode: Casper): Tom Grut Editor (Episode: Vanessa): Roberto Nascimento D.O.P./Cinematographer: Daniela Conforte Lighting Coordinator: Oren Graham Sound Editor / Sound Design: Vedat Kiyici Music/Composer (Episode: Casper): Abraham Kunin, I iam Reid Music/Composer (Episode: Vanessa): Nick Shadel Lead Actor (Episode: Casper): Jack Henderson Lead Actress (Episode: Vanessa): Jennifer Ward-Lealand Supporting Actor (Episode: Casper): Joe Dekkers-Reihana Supporting Actress (Episode: Vanessa): Pamela Sidhu Ensemble Cast (Episode: Casper): Carl Smith, Dylan James, Saman Tehrani, Flynn Steward

#### Boyfriend

Producer: Roberto Nascimento, Josh McKenzie Director: Roberto

Nascimento Writer: Roberto Nascimento, Josh McKenzie, Marcia Sasano Editor: Roberto Nascimento D.O.P./Cinematographer: Jess Charlton Lighting Coordinator: Jess Chalrton Sound Editor / Sound Design: Brendon Morrow Music/Composer: yosh Lead Actor: Josh McKenzie, José de Abreu Supporting Actor: Christopher Moore

#### Screening Block 8 ~ Stranger Things

#### Minimally Invasive Procedure

Producer: Christopher Ramsev Director: Christopher Ramsey Writer: Christopher Ramsey Editor: Christopher Ramsey D.O.P./Cinematographer (Series is made up of stock, archival, and iPhone footage). Sound Editor / Sound Design: Christopher Ramsey (The entire soundscape of this series consists of the sounds from Saturn's radio emissions recorded by the Cassini spacecraft in April 2002). Lead Voice Actor: Christian Guevarra Lead Voice Actress: Ione Butler Supporting Voice Actor: Chad Coup Supporting Voice Actress: Mallorie Whitmire Ensemble Cast: Cooper Ramsey

#### Lazy Bones

Producers: Isabel Andrich, Nicole Denton, Tyler Parrish, Ben Tancredi, and

Sarah Thurman Directors: Isabel Andrich (Episodes 1 & 5), Caitlin McFadden (Episode 4), Tyler Parrish (Episodes 1 & 6), and Sarah Thurman (Episodes 2 & 3) Writer: Isabel Andrich (Episodes 1-6), Tyler Parris (Episodes 5 & 6) Editor: Tyler ParrishD.O.P./ Cinematographers: Tyler Parrish (Episodes 1, 2, & 3) Sarah Thurman (Episodes 4.5&6) Lighting Coordinator: Braeden Huff Sound Editor: Sound Design: Tyler Parrish Music/Composer: Sam Sterbenz Lead Actor: Matt Snead Lead Actress: Isabel Andrich Supporting Actor: Ben Tancredi Supporting Actresses: Asha Ward, Nicole Denton

#### Screening Block 9 ~ The More You Know

#### **Bad at This**

Producer Sonya Suraci **Director Jessie Posthumus** Writer Sonya Suraci Editor Brendan Mills and Katherine Kwan D.O.P./Cinematographer Benjamin Wong and Dale Tidy Lighting Coordinator Kyle Laurin Sound Editor / Sound Design Stephen Stepanic Music/Composer Kyle McCrea Ensemble Cast Akash Bansal, Matisse ApSimons-Megens, Isabel Putz-Preyra, Chelsea Barnett, Kristen Allen, Austen

#### Caty's World

Producer: Mariale Espinoza

Director: Antonio Guajardo Writer: Mariale Espinoza e Iris Rodríguez Editor: Iván Ramìrez D.O.P./Cinematographer: Antonio Guajardo Lead Actor: Don Xigi, Iván Lead Actress; Caty/Rulo: Daniela Calderón

#### ADAPTATION

Producer: Alizé Carrère Co-Producers: Katia Nicolova, Kyle Corea Directors: Alizé Carrère & Justin DeShields Writer: Alizé Carrère Editors: Rosalina Merrihue, Carson Lund, Daniel Sherer, Will Miller, Marlon Johnson D.O.P./Cinematographer: Andy Maser, Justin DeShields, Kyle Corea, Daniel Sherer. Devlin Gandy Lighting Coordinator: N/A Sound Mix: Scott Pringle Music/Composer: Gingger Shankar of Little Girl and the Robot (title theme song)

#### Preparing for Eel Season with a Handcrafted Wooden Eel Spoon

Producer: Eitan Badouk Epstein Director: Eitan Badouk Epstein Writer: Eitan Badouk Epstein Editor: Matthew Highton D.O.P./Cinematographer: Arushi Chugh Lighting Coordinator: Oscar Oldershaw Sound Editor / Sound Design: Nicky Green Music/Composer: Nicky Green Lead Actor: Pat Cahill Supporting Voices: Eitan Badouk Epstein, Dottie Skrzypek, Mimi Valentine

#### Screening Block 10 ~ Fools Rush In

#### **Other Plans**

Producer: Sally Brooks, Peter Spruyt, Lisa Vinnecour, Stephanie Little, Bryan Erwin Director: Sally Brooks, Bryan Erwin Writer: Sally Brooks Editor: Peter Spruyt D.O.P./Cinematographer: Peter Spruyt Lighting Coordinator: Barrett Nicol Sound Editor / Sound Design: Peter Spruyt Lead Actor: Matt Corboy Lead Actress: Sally Brooks. Darlene Hunt Supporting Actor: Gary Anthony Williams, Jordan Black Supporting Actress: Tig Notaro, Neville Lee, Phoebe Neidhardt Ensemble Cast: Annie Sertich. Danielle Perez. Ariane Price, Roxana Ortega

#### Geomapping Love

Producer: V10 Média Inc. Caroline Gaudette Director: Nicolas Legendre-Duplessis Writer: Simon Boulerice Editor: Nicolas Legendre-Duplessis D.O.P./Cinematographer: Benoît Jones-Vallée Sound Editor / Sound Design: Blaise Émard Music/Composer: Maxime Hervé Lead Actor: Simon Boulerice Supporting Actor: Jocelyn Lebeau Ensemble Cast: Gabriel Lemire, Luc Senay, Josée Deschênes

#### **True Reviews**

Producer: Dan Bruhl, Neal Cornell, Grace Dambier,

Kenny Kline, Wiv Hannay, & Jordan Simkovic Director: Laura D'Antoni (A NIGHT AT KRYSTAL'S PLACE), Kyle Kogan (FOOD FOR THE FISHIES) Writer: Dan Bruhl, Grace Dambier, & Joel Sinensky (A NIGHT AT KRYSTAL'S PLACE), Dan Bruhl, Grace Dambier, Kyle Kogan, & Jordan Simkovic (FOOD FOR THE FISHIES) Editor: Dan Bruhl, John "JJ" Moffat, Jordan Hicks, Mike Wech, & Nelsen Brazill (A NIGHT AT KRYSTAL'S PLACE), Dan Bruhl, Kyle Kogan, & Mike Wech (FOOD FOR THE FISHIES) D.O.P./Cinematographer: Azariah Bjørvig Lighting Coordinator: J. Connor Bjornson Sound Editor / Sound Design: Theo Francocci Lead Actor: Jason Moore (HOST), Brandon Blum & Cameron Pugh (A NIGHT AT KRYSTAL'S PLACE), Juan Sánchez-Molina & Jordan Simkovic (FOOD FOR THE FISHIES) Supporting Actor: Larry Williams Jr. & Josh Whitaker (A NIGHT AT KRYSTAL'S PLACE), Adam Welton, Clayton Froning, & Rob Moore (FOOD FOR THE FISHIES) Supporting Actress: Alice Grey, Amy Wolpa, Firefly Oshenishis, Justice Artista & Susan G. Carter (A NIGHT AT KRYSTAL'S PLACE), Claudia Iao, Grace Dambier, Katy Drury, & Rachel Rudd (FOOD FOR THE FISHIES) Ensemble Cast: Chris Yonan. Dan Bruhl. Dan Lakis, & Hiram Borges (A NIGHT AT KRYSTAL'S PLACE). Dan Bruhl & Dan Curry (FOOD FOR THE FISHIES)

#### Chill Girl (World Premiere)

Producers: Max Kliman. Sarah Evans, Peter Condie Directors: Amanda Lifford, Harley Kirchhoff, Rachel Savage, Samantha Casesa, Lauren Loesberg Writers: Jessie Vane, Julian Larach, Samantha Casesa Editors: Paula Miller, Michaela Anthony, Max Kliman, Vanja Minoff, Lauren Loesberg, Jacob Stern DPs: Sydney Yockey, Alex Tannnebaum Sound Design: Sarah Nogly Composer: Stage Wombat Collective Lead Actress: Jessie Vane Lead Actor: Julian Larach Supporting Actress: Samantha Casesa, Elizabeth Dickson Supporting Actor: Jordan Moore, Jake Bender, Ty Doran Ensemble Cast: Chris Welles, Jillian Lee Garner, Alison Van Dam, Oleksiy Zubach, Moses Feldman, Amalie

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