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## **MONTCLAIR FILM AND THE FILM INSTITUTE AT MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCE 2018 BEHIND THE SCREEN PROGRAM**

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master classes open to the public**

**JANUARY 2, 2018, MONTCLAIR, NJ** - Montclair Film and The Film Institute at Montclair State to-day announced speakers and programs for their annual collaboration, Behind the Screen (BTS), a day of free filmmaking workshops and seminars taking place Sunday, January 28, 2018 at the School of Communication and Media on the campus of Montclair State University.

The BTS program is designed for students and adults from all backgrounds to discover the process for building a career in film and television through engagement with leading industry professionals. This year's program features sessions on performance, the casting process, costume design, development and pitching, as well as a timely program on the impact of harassment on career and project development.

"Behind the Screen is a program dedicated to providing students and adults the opportunity to explore career paths in film, television, and beyond," said MF Education Director Sue Hollenberg. "In addition to our outstanding group of industry professionals, this year's program gives voice to the critical conversation on harassment and provides strategies for change and empowerment."

Susan Skoog, the Director of Programming for the Film Institute at Montclair State said, "This collaboration with Montclair Film is one of the highlights of our year, and our students and faculty look forward to welcoming our industry guests and the community to the new state of the art facilities in our School of Communication and Media building."

Thanks to generous support from The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey, Behind the Screen 2018 is free and open to the public. Online registration is required. To register, please visit



[www.montclairfilm.org](http://www.montclairfilm.org)

## The 2018 Behind The Screen Program

### **Acting Masterclass with Patrick Wilson and Dagmara Domińczyk**

Golden Globe, Emmy, and Tony nominated actor Patrick Wilson and his actress/author wife, Dagmara Dominczyk, share the stage to discuss the art and craft of acting for TV, film and stage.

### **Matching Character and Actor with Casting Director Avy Kauffman**

From Steven Spielberg to Ang Lee to Wes Craven, Emmy award winning casting director Avy Kauffman (*The OA*, *The Night of*, *Lincoln*, *Life of Pi*, *Billions*, *The Sixth Sense*) shares her insights on the creative and collaborative casting process.

### **Directing the True Crime Documentary with Erin Lee Carr**

Documentary director and one of Forbe's "30 under 30" individuals in media, Erin Lee Carr (HBO's *Mommy Dead and Dearest*, *Thought Police: The Case of the Cannibal Cop*) will discuss her fascination with and the challenges of bringing notoriously disturbing true crime stories to the screen.

### **Costume Design: The Power & Impact of Wardrobe with Daniel Lawson**

Emmy nominated Costume Designer Dan Lawson (*The Good Wife*, *The Good Fight*) reveals the hidden power clothing has on characters and actors, and its impact on stories, the culture, and fashion.

### **Pitching: The Art and Craft of Selling a Show**

Development Executives Greg Rhem (HBO Docs), Brian Bockwrath (Bays Thomas Productions) and Amanda Verdon (AMC/Sundance TV) discuss the art and craft of pitching ideas, shows, and stories from the perspective of the buyer and seller.

### **#MeToo: A Conversation about Harassment and Empowerment**

The #MeToo movement created seismic shifts in entertainment and media. This panel discussion will unearth the real-life effects of dealing with harassment, and explore strategies for change



and empowerment.

#### **ABOUT MONTCLAIR FILM**

Montclair Film, a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, nurtures and showcases the talents of filmmakers from around the region and world. Montclair Film unites, empowers, educates, and celebrates our region's diverse cultural heritage and robust artistic community by presenting engaging programs and events all year long. The seventh annual Montclair Film Festival will take place from April 26 through May 6, 2018. Montclair Film's year-round and festival programming is made possible through generous support from Investors Bank; Audible; Hackensack Meridian Health; the Horizon Foundation for New Jersey; Ashenfelter, Slous, McDonough, Golia & Trevenen, LLP; Chubb; Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage; and William H. Connolly & Co., and others. Our programs are made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey Department of State, Division of Travel and Tourism and New Jersey State Council on the Arts. For information about Montclair Film, visit [www.montclairfilm.org](http://www.montclairfilm.org)

#### **ABOUT THE FILM INSTITUTE AT MONTCLAIR STATE**

Based within Montclair State University's College of the Arts, the Film Institute oversees a robust schedule of public events and collaborative programs, including a film forum series; weekend and summer workshops in film production; a "film-in-the-schools" program bringing faculty and industry professionals into area high schools; special film screenings on campus and in the community; and a wide range of seminars, podcasts and live streaming webcasts. The Film Institute serves as a resource for industry professionals by fostering networking opportunities in New York City, New Jersey and Los Angeles; hosting conferences on the Montclair State campus; and partnering with technology firms to offer workshops in the latest hardware and software products. For Montclair State students, the Film Institute offers an internship program with support from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences; a professional mentorship and career-networking program; and international collaborations with University film programs in Asia, Australia and Europe. The Film Institute also originates activities that meet the educational and cultural needs of Montclair State's local communities by providing exclusive programming designed for adults, middle- and high-school students and others. For information about the Film Institute at Montclair State, visit <http://www.montclair.edu/arts/the-film-institute-at-montclair-state/>

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