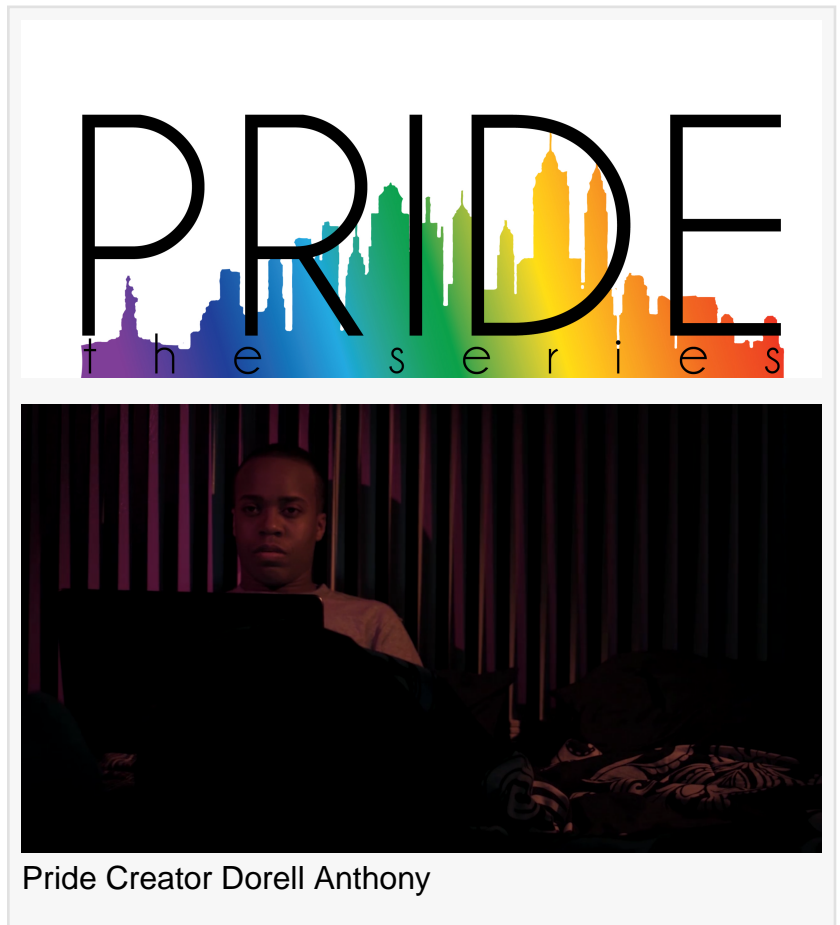


# Pride: The Series Announces Season 2 Casting and the Addition of Award-winning Director Michael Pomarico

*Rehab Entertainment and John Hyde Join As Executive Producer Overseeing Worldwide Distribution*

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, October 19, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The thought-provoking digital series [PRIDE: THE SERIES](#) has completed casting for its second season. In keeping with its mission to carry a strong and true-to-life message, the PRIDE team is pleased to announce the additions of Emmy-winner Vincent De Paul ("As the World Turns"), Tony Head ("The Wire"), Melissa Disney ("As Told By Ginger") and Scott Turner Schofield ("The Bold and the Beautiful"), as well as guest stars Daniella Mendez (MTV's "True Life") and innovative artist Tyler Wallach. Award-winning director Michael Pomarico ("All My Children") has been tapped to direct the second season and veteran entertainment executive John Hyde and Terissa Kelton of Rehab Entertainment have joined as Executive Producer and



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Producer, respectively. Additionally, two-time Emmy winner and four-time nominee Sonia Blangiardo will act as Consulting Producer. Today's announcement was made by PRIDE: THE SERIES creator Dorell Anthony ("General Hospital"). Production will begin October 18th in New York.

"I'm so honored that these strong individuals have joined to round out our team," commented Anthony. "Their work will add such diversity and depth to the important issues we face on PRIDE: THE SERIES."

With a film career spanning over a decade and two consecutive Emmy wins, Vincent De Paul joins PRIDE as an Associate Producer as well as a cast member. He was seen in the last four years on "As the World Turns" and as Fr. Leonei on "The Bay."

Tony Head has been in the entertainment industry for over 30 years working across all mediums – film, television and on Broadway. He played Major Bobby Reed on the award-winning HBO series "The Wire."

Daniella Mendez and Tyler Wallach are both activists in the LGBTQ community and both have agreed



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to play themselves in PRIDE: THE SERIES. Mendez is the reality TV star of MTV's True Life "I'm Questioning My Gender Again" and was recently named Miss Gay New Jersey. She has shared her very personal journey of gender transition and de-transition facing tremendous criticism. After much soul-searching, she identifies as the most comfortable of all signifiers: Human. Wallach is an artist and designer recognized for his bright and boldly colored street art characters. His most recent work "PULSE49" honoring the lives lost in Orlando, premiered on display during the Hofstra University Presidential debate.

Scott Turner Schofield is an award-winning actor and diversity speaker. After 12 years as an internationally-acclaimed theatre artist, Schofield became the first openly transgender actor on daytime television and the first female-to-male person in a major recurring role on Broadcast TV as Nick on CBS's "The Bold and the Beautiful." He joins the PRIDE cast as Liev.

Three-time Emmy nominated actress Melissa Disney is widely-regarded as the most successful female voice artist working today. She's voiced for the Oscars, Emmys and Billboard Awards, to name a few, and is the queen of the nerds, Ginger Foutley, on Nickelodeon's "As Told By Ginger." She joins the PRIDE cast as Nancy.

Returning PRIDE: THE SERIES cast members include Emmy-nominated Ilene Kristen ("One Life to Live"), award-winning actress Lauren B. Martin ("As the World Turns"), Whitney Hoy ("Friday Night Lights"), singer Ashley Mitchell (The Magic Flute), Adam Andrew Rios and Braden Bradley, former Mr. Gay New York and a representative of the Trevor Project.

PRIDE: THE SERIES grapples with unique storylines through a multi-cultural, sexually diverse and an overall unique lens pointed directly at the dark, gritty modern world – not unlike the one we currently live in. The thought-provoking digital series focuses on four friends: Kai, Trina, Travis and Adam -- each one navigating their own personal complexities to find out who they are, what they want and what they are willing to do to get it. PRIDE: THE SERIES follows their struggles to live life on their own terms with bi-sexuality, transgender roles and coming out in the heart of New York City.

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