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SNEAK PEEK SCREENING OF PEACOCK'S *DEVIL IN DISGUISE*: JOHN WAYNE GACY, *BONES* 20TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION AND ACTING CLASS WITH EMMY WINNER HENRY WINKLER SET TO KICK-OFF TELEVISION ACADEMY'S INAUGURAL TELEVERSE FESTIVAL

(**LOS ANGELES** – July 1, 2025) — The Television Academy, the presenters of the renowned Emmy® Awards, today released a first round of programming details for its inaugural Televerse, an unparalleled immersive festival experience for both industry insiders and fans of television from Aug. 14-16, 2025, at the JW Marriott at L.A. LIVE.

Televerse will celebrate television “outside the box” with extraordinary access to today’s top creators, storytellers and stars, dynamic panels featuring this year’s Emmy-nominated programs and behind-the-scenes trade secrets of popular shows.

With more programming announcements to come, the following Televerse panels and events were announced:

Acting Class with Henry Winkler – Emmy Award-winning actor and Television Academy Hall of Fame inductee Henry Winkler (*Barry*, *Royal Pains*, *Happy Days*) will host a live acting workshop, delving into the art of performance, building character, and connecting with your audience.

***BONES* 20th Anniversary Panel with Creator & Cast**

Bones creator/showrunner Hart Hanson and stars Emily Deschanel, David Boreanaz, T.J. Thyne, and Tamara Taylor will reunite for the series’ 20th Anniversary to revisit

the hit procedural's 12-season run, which followed renowned forensic anthropologist Dr. Temperance Brennan (Deschanel), F.B.I. Special Agent Seeley Booth (Boreanaz), and their teams as they investigated and solved crimes. The panel will discuss the show's exploration of science vs. faith, the real-life forensics and anthropologist who inspired the series, the process of crafting the chemistry between the group's ensemble cast, and the show's resonance with fans 20 years later.

Breaking Story with Beau Willimon – Ready, set, break! Writer/producer Beau Willimon (*Andor*, *House of Cards*) takes us inside the writers' room with a real-time demonstration of the story-breaking process, with participation from a live audience.

Devil In Disguise: John Wayne Gacy – Peacock and UCP will host a sneak peek screening of the new limited drama series *Devil in Disguise: John Wayne Gacy*, premiering Fall 2025. The series peels back the twisted layers of Gacy's life while weaving in heartrending stories of his victims; exploring the grief, guilt, and trauma of their families and friends; and exposing the systemic failures, missed opportunities, and societal prejudices that fueled his reign of terror. The screening will be followed by a conversation with creator/showrunner Patrick Macmanus, with additional panelists to be announced soon.

Game On: Inside the Booth with the Los Angeles Dodgers

The LA-based broadcasting team behind the Los Angeles Dodgers will join for a rare inside look into the process of delivering live sports television, from covering record-breaking moments during a 162-game season to making World Series memories that will forever be a part of baseball history. The panel, which will explore how the Dodgers broadcasting team coordinates in real time to create compelling, accurate, and seamless coverage, will include Sports Emmy Award winner and lead play-by-play announcer, Joe Davis; former pitcher and current broadcast analyst who was a 3x All-Star and World Series MVP, Orel Hershiser; sports reporter and correspondent, Kirsten Watson; executive producer Mike Levy, and director Ben Dillenberger.

FYC Round 2 Panels

For the first time, Emmy voters will have access to Television Academy-sanctioned "For Your Consideration" panels featuring Emmy-nominated shows and performers from key program categories prior to the final round of Emmy voting.

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

To close the inaugural Televerse festival, the Academy will induct six television legends into the 27th Hall of Fame on the evening of Saturday, Aug. 16. **Viola**

Davis, Don Mischer, Ryan Murphy, Conan O'Brien, Mike Post and **Henry Winkler** will be honored for their exceptional contributions to the evolution of television.

Attendees can register at televerse.com to receive news and information when additional sessions are announced. Tickets for all events are expected to go on sale in mid-July.

Further programming will be announced before the Aug. 14 festival opening.

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About the Television Academy

The Television Academy strives to shape and advance the dynamic television landscape; cultivate a diverse, inclusive and accessible professional community; and advocate for the television industry while capturing the spirit of a new generation of content creators and industry professionals. Through innovative programs, publications and events, the Academy and its Foundation foster and empower storytellers. The Academy also celebrates those who excel in the industry recognizing their achievements through awards and accolades, including the renowned Emmy® Award. Membership in the Academy is open to working professionals in the television industry. For more information, please visit TelevisionAcademy.com.

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