

PLENTY OF PIE TALENT INCUBATOR SELECTS INAUGURAL CLASS



(LOS ANGELES, June 21, 2024) – Eight emerging creatives and their film, TV drama and TV comedy series have been selected as Fellows of the Plenty of Pie Talent Incubator. Founded in 2022 by Emmy award winning Producer Sasheen Artis, the Incubator offers classes on practical producing skills & leadership development, one-on-one mentorship with industry professionals and features a roster of guest speakers who have had unique pathways to leadership roles throughout the industry.

The Fellows are:

- Candace Patrick with the TV comedy, *Next Worse Friend*
- Catrese Medley with the narrative feature, *Hope's Chance*
- Dani Milton with the narrative feature, *Devil's Mouth*
- Dolapo Olorode with the TV drama, *Ceilings*
- Gippetto Hodge with the narrative feature, *A Cabin Christmas*
- Max Blum with the narrative feature, *Escape Mansion*
- Mya Carter with the TV drama, *Fleaux*
- Vineeta Tyagi with the TV drama, *Immortals of the Wild*

"This program is more than just training, it's about developing future leaders," says Artis. "I believe that by cultivating the next generation of diverse producers, we can inject creativity and tell authentic stories that resonate with a wider audience and revitalize our moribund industry."

The Talent Incubator Mentors are Brian McLaughlin, Bruce Nahin, Daryn Simons, Harold Williams, Justine Wentzell-Chang, Laura Marie Salinas, Matt Johnson, and Romell Foster-Owens.

"I'm thrilled to have so much support from our mentors and great speakers who are passionate about opening pathways to opportunity and sharing their words of wisdom on how to navigate the business and get projects made," says Artis.

Based in Los Angeles, the Talent Incubator meets two nights per week from June 18 through September 19 and is FREE of charge. ###

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