The Emerson Network Update - April 4, 2014

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Boston

Please join alumni and students for the 2nd Annual Griff O'Brien Scholarship Comedy Night on Thursday, April 10, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Bill Bordy Theater. This all-troupe comedy show will be a night of laughs to honor a valued member of the Emerson community, the late Griff O'Brien ’13. Tickets are $5 at the door, and doors open at 6:30pm. All proceeds go to the Griff O'Brien Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Russ Gannon ’89 has been cast in the independent film, Interference, shooting in the Boston area this spring. He will be playing the role of defense attorney Garrison Welch.

Caitlin Mccarthy, MFA ’94, is a co-writer of the series, Pass/Fail which made the Top 25 of The Tracking Board's first-ever Launch Pad Pilot Competition. This makes Caitlin one of nine female writers to have made the Top 25. More information »

Mona Johany, MA ’11 works at Image Conscious Studios, which is seeking a talented visual and web designer with proven experience to create rich branded experiences. The web designer will play a vital role in their tight-knit team to solve real problems through design and creating beautiful, functional, and meaningful user experiences for primarily web-based projects. More information »

Jessica Saint Jean '11 is the art coordination associate at Candlewick Press. Previously, she was US Editor at Barefoot Books from 2012–2014.

Ben Barker ’12 has signed up to watch all 2,430 Major League Baseball games—every single one until the end of the World Series. He will be one of eight “Cave Dwellers” and spend his days watching baseball, hanging out with players and celebrities, creating digital content, and chronicling his days via social media. Read more »

Los Angeles
Learn the essentials in becoming a makeup artist including makeup techniques for basic beauty, diverse beauty, ageless beauty, and special occasions such as bridal and runways. **Fundamentals of Makeup Artistry** is a one-week Professional Studies course that covers techniques established by alumna Bobbi Brown '79. Register now to attend either July 7–11 or August 4–8, 2014. The course meets 10:00 am–6:00 pm at the Emerson College Los Angeles (ELA) center. Read more »

Mike Abramson '99 is the producer of *Is There Sex After Marriage?*, which is now running at The Two Roads Theatre. Use promo code ALUMNI50 for 50 percent off tickets. Mike is also working on the pop musical sensation *Altar Boyz*, opening April 5 at The Chromolume Theatre. Use promo code AB50 for 50 percent off tickets.

Erial Tompkins '06 won a 2014 Writers Guild Award for Outstanding Writing for On-Air Promotion (Television, New Media or Radio) for *The Crazy Ones - Building a Better Comedy* on CBS. More information »

Lucas Smolic '07 has been recruited by Concept Yard, a cutting-edge technology company, as director of technology. He currently oversees the construction of several iOS and Android Ed-Tech products, numerous branding campaigns and websites, as well as a new smartphone enabled water-conservation tool. If you have technology needs, contact Smolic at lucas@conceptyard.com.

**New York City**

Nicholas Levis '95 is looking for an editor to cut sizzle reels and to help with the development of various projects at BrandCinema, starting immediately. He is also looking for a web site designer. If you are interested in applying, email nl@brandcinema.com.

Andrew van den Houten '02 recently launched his new company, TentSquare, the first fully crowdsourced film studio and social network. He is recruiting alumni to join TentSquare for free and is looking for feedback and participation in its early stages. TentSquare's first short film project, the members selected to make a comedy titled, *While You Were in a Coma*, written by Kevin McManus '09 and Matthew McManus '09, with direction from the TentSquare community.

Kate White '06 will play Dr. Orange in the film, *Fall To Rise*, premiering Saturday, April 5 at 8:00 pm at AMC Village 7 in New York City.

**New England**

Tamworth, NH

W. Clapham Murray '57, known as "Cope," published a new novel, *The Making of Daniel*, an interracial story set in the Jim Crow south. He is currently looking for a screenwriter to make a great movie based on the novel. Contact Cope at clapham@adelphia.net.

Concord, NH

Clyde Terry '74 was named to the National Council on Disability (NCD) by President Obama. The NCD is an independent federal agency charged with advising the president and Congress on policies and
programs that affect individuals with disabilities. Read more »

Bedford, NH
Joel Schwellling '76 has completed audio production and sound design for the interactive educational game, The Underground Railroad: Journey to Freedom on the National Geographic website. The game has 11 speaking parts and include talent from all over the U.S. and Canada. It also incorporates historically accurate banjo music and scene-specific sound design.

Wilmington, MA
Mark Ian Coleman '82 is the director of entertainment for the lifestyle brand, Alex and Ani, headquartered in Cranston, Rhode Island and New York City. His responsibilities include integrating music and entertainment into the brand experience.

Milford, MA
Patrick Skehill '12, founder of Quixotic United, will premiere the company's first feature film, Real Love, at the Stadium Theatre in Woonsocket, Rhode Island on April 17. Real Love, written by Skehill and Kelsey Hogan '13, was filmed in Massachusetts and was crowd-funded thanks to the generous local population. Quixotic United now boasts eight employees and as a collaborative group, they write and produce short films, feature films, and web series, as well as producing work for other musicians and screenwriters.

USA

New Jersey
Jerry White, MFA '98, will have his first novel, The Thickety: A Path Begins, published by HarperCollins on May 6. Learn more »

Battle Creek, MI
Jay Baron Nicorvo, MFA '01, had his essay, The Miracle of Mentors, published in the Jan./Feb. "Inspiration" issue of Poets & Writers. Within the piece, Emerson WLP professors John Skoyles and Frederick Reiken are mentioned by name. Singer-songwriter Ben Arthur read the essay and wrote a song, Deadbeat (Dyslexic Hearts), inspired by it and the poems from his first poetry collection, Deadbeat.

Franklin, MI
Shane Pliska '03, president of Planterra Corporation, was recognized, along with his company, by Metro Mode Media. Planterra Corporation is a leading interior landscape firm that provides businesses, hospitals, and hotels with tropical plants and maintenance services. Read more »

San Francisco, CA
Gabi Moskowitz '04 wrote a letter to her 22-year-old self which has been picked up by numerous news outlets including Huff Post Style. Read it here »

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