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Flip the Script: Supernatural - A Gender Swapped Live Stage Reading at LA Comic Con 2018

Saturday October 27, 2018, 12:00pm - 1:00pm Los Angeles Convention Center, Room 304 ABC, 1201 S Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90015

Flip the Script: Supernatural is a live staged reading of the season 5 finale of *Supernatural* with all gender roles, including references to God and even figures of speech, switched or as they say, flipped! A panel discussion with Q&A will immediately follow the performance.

As fans of the show, The Chimaera Project hopes to bring to light the many opportunities the entertainment industry has for more gender equality and ethnic diversity.

"When LA Comic Con reached out to me about submitting a panel, I wanted to support female creators," says organizer and moderator <u>HEIDI COX</u>. "Every panelist/performer is a powerhouse multi-hyphenate of whom I am honored to be in their company." Cox (<u>Stalking LeVar</u>) is a Chimaera Project ambassador and the founder/owner of <u>Dweeb Darlings</u>, a production company that seeks to support balance in the industry for female creators.

The first Chimaera Project *Flip the Script* staged reading, *Shawshank Redemption*, was conceived and organized by board member, <u>AMERICA YOUNG</u>, about a year ago.

"There are so many things we are so used to seeing, we don't even question them. An imbalance in the very language we speak everyday. Sometimes seeing the status quo flipped right in front of you is the best way to truly grasp the inequality of it. *Flip the Script* readings are a fun way to shine a light on the unintentional inequality, to hopefully bring a lasting awareness and change in thought. " says Young, founder and owner of <u>Mayday Productions</u>, who holds credits from Directing (<u>Barbie Vlogs / Whatta Lark/ The Concessionaires Must Die</u>) to stunt coordinating and motion capture (<u>Spider-Man</u>).

PANELISTS/PERFORMERS: LILI BERNARD (Bobby), ASHLEY CLEMENTS (Castiel),
HEIDI COX (Chuck), JOANNA KE (Sam), DOVE MEIR (Lisa), ANDI NORRIS (Lucifer),
STEPHANIE PRESSMAN (Narrator), MINERVA VIER (Michael), AMERICA YOUNG (Dean)

Founder and Executive Director of The Chimaera Project <u>JULIA CHERYL BOOKOUT</u> says, "My favorite quote these days is one I heard from producer/filmmaker <u>Susan Cartsonis</u> at the 2018 <u>Women in Entertainment Summit</u>: 'When women lead, diversity follows.' Based on my years in the workplace, I have experienced this to be true."

PANELIST/PERFORMERS

<u>HEIDI COX</u> (<u>Stalking LeVar</u>) is the founder and owner of <u>Dweeb Darlings</u>, a production company that seeks to support balance in the industry for female creators.

AMERICA YOUNG is the founder and owner of Mayday Productions and holds credits from Directing (Barbie Vlogs / Whatta Lark/ The Concessionaires Must Die) to stunt coordinating and motion capture (Spider-Man).

<u>LILI BERNARD</u> (Seinfeld/The Cosby Show/Stephen King's Golden Years/BBC's Murder in Oakland), Actor/Artist/<u>Survivor Advocate</u>. "I hope this performance brings awareness to the fact that, in terms of gender equity, the entertainment industry is light years behind modern culture."

<u>DOVE MEIR</u> (*NCIS*) reading the only female role in the entire episode, is an advocate of gender equality in media. "It's an eye opening and humbling experience to be witness to all the subtle and not so subtle ways the female gender has been subjugated through the male's influence on language."

ANDI NORRIS (American Horror Story) is a writer, stunt woman and actress.

MINERVA VIER (DICE/New Girl) is a comedienne, writer, producer and director.

<u>JOANNA KE</u> is founder/owner of <u>St. Joan Productions</u>. She has recently released her female empowerment short film <u>Protectress</u> which is also screening at LACC on Saturday 10/27.

<u>ASHLEY CLEMENTS</u> is known for <u>The Lizzie Bennet Diaries</u> which was the first Youtube series to win a Primetime Emmy.

<u>STEPHANIE PRESSMAN</u> heads up her own improv comedy troupe (<u>The Show That Shall Not Be Named</u>), runs a fashion blog (<u>Fashionably Nerdy</u>) and has been known to co-produce and star in some Dweeb Darlings productions.