

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**CASEY BLOYS, AVA DUVERNAY, DOUG HERZOG, PEARLENA IGBOKWE, DAVID MADDEN AND LISA NISHIMURA NAMED AS NEW TELEVISION ACADEMY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTEES**

(NoHo Arts District, CA, February 22, 2019) – Frank Scherma, Chairman and CEO of the Television Academy, today announced the appointment of six television thought leaders as the Chair’s Appointees to the Television Academy Executive Committee. This diverse, new group of appointees will work closely with the Television Academy’s officers and board of governors to guide and shape the direction of the Academy for the 2019 term.

“We are privileged to have the collective expertise, insights and resources of these visionary executives guiding us through what promises to be another extraordinary time of expansion and innovation in our industry,” said Scherma. “Their leadership provides relevancy and will be vital to ensuring the Television Academy is at the forefront of the industry’s remarkable evolution.”

Scherma’s Executive Committee appointees are:

- **Casey Bloys:** As President, HBO Programming, he oversees all of HBO and Cinemax’s programming efforts including scripted series, late night, documentaries, HBO sports and HBO films. Recent series include *Barry*, *Big Little Lies*, *Insecure*, *Last Week Tonight with John Oliver*, *My Brilliant Friend*, *Sharp Objects*, *Silicon Valley*, *Succession*, *True Detective*, *Veep* and *Westworld*. Upcoming series include *Watchmen*, *Lovecraft Country* and *The Righteous Gemstones*.
- **Ava DuVernay:** Emmy®-winning and Oscar®-nominated writer, director, producer and distributor. Her directorial work includes the historical drama *Selma*, the Emmy Award-winning documentary *13TH*, the Disney children’s adventure *A Wrinkle in Time*, and her family drama series *Queen Sugar*.

- **Doug Herzog:** Former president, Viacom Music and Entertainment Group where he oversaw MTV, VH1, Logo TV, Comedy Central and Spike. Responsible for the launch of *South Park*, *The Daily Show* and *The Colbert Report* on Comedy Central.
- **Pearlena Igbokwe:** As President, Universal Television, she oversees comedies *Will & Grace*, *Superstore*, *The Good Place*, *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*, *Russian Doll*, *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*, in addition to dramas *Chicago Fire*, *New Amsterdam*, *FBI* and *Good Girls*.
- **David Madden:** As President of Programming for AMC Networks and AMC Studios, he oversees all programming across the entertainment networks AMC, IFC, SundanceTV and BBC America, with popular and critically acclaimed shows including *The Walking Dead*, *Better Call Saul*, *Killing Eve*, *The Terror*, *Lodge 49*, *Documentary Now!*, *Brockmire* and others.
- **Lisa Nishimura:** As Vice President of Original Documentary & Comedy Programming, she has overseen documentary feature film, shorts and series including *Icarus*, *Quincy*, *The White Helmets*, *Making A Murderer*, *Salt Fat Acid Heat*, *Chef's Table* and *Wild Wild Country*. She has also overseen comedy specials including *Dave Chappelle: Equanimity & The Bird Revelation*, *John Mulaney: Kid Gorgeous at Radio City*, *Steve Martin & Martin Short: An Evening You Will Forget For The Rest Of Your Life*, *Hannah Gadsby: Nanette* and *Ali Wong: Hard Knock Wife*.

Additionally, the Academy's board of governors have elected the following individuals as their representatives on the executive committee for the 2019 term: Bob Bergen, performers; Rickey Minor, music; Michael Ruscio, ACE, picture editors; and Lori H. Schwartz, interactive media. Completing the executive committee roster for the 2019 term are these Academy officers: Vice Chair Steve Venezia, CAS; Second Vice Chair Tim Gibbons; Secretary Sharon Lieblein, CSA; Treasurer Allison Binder; Los Angeles Area Vice Chair Mitch Waldow; and Television Academy Foundation Chair, Madeline Di Nonno.

About the Television Academy

The Television Academy seeks to expand the horizons of television excellence. Through the programs, publications and events of the Academy and its Foundation, it strives to empower storytellers who shape the evolving television space. It celebrates those who have excelled by recognizing their achievements through accolades and awards, including television's most coveted prize the Primetime Emmy® Award. For more information, please visit [TelevisionAcademy.com](https://www.televisionacademy.com).

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