

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**GLORIA CALDERÓN KELLETT, ROBERT MILLS,
DAWN OLMSTEAD, ISSA RAE, VERNON SANDERS AND
ZACK VAN AMBURG NAMED AS NEW TELEVISION ACADEMY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTEES**

(**NOHO ARTS DISTRICT, Calif.** – Jan. 6, 2021) — Frank Scherma, chairman and CEO of the Television Academy, today announced the appointment of six television visionaries as the chair’s appointees to the Television Academy Executive Committee.

This diverse and accomplished new group of thought leaders will work closely with the Television Academy’s officers and board of governors to develop and guide the direction of the Academy for the 2021 term.

“We are thrilled to be able to leverage the collective expertise of this talented group of Television innovators as we navigate this extraordinary time in the history of our industry,” said Scherma. “Their leadership provides invaluable insight that will allow the Academy to play an integral role in shaping the evolution of the medium.”

Scherma’s Executive Committee appointees are:

- **Gloria Calderón Kellett:** Award-winning writer, producer, director and actress. Kellett was the executive producer, co-creator, co-showrunner, director and actress on the critically acclaimed sitcom *One Day at a Time*. She spent her early years as a writer/producer on numerous shows including *Devious Maids*, *Rules of Engagement* and *How I Met Your Mother*; has directed episodes of *Mr. Iglesias*, *Merry Happy Whatever*, *United We Fall* and the *Mad About You* revival; and recently sold her first feature film, *We Were There Too*.
- **Robert Mills:** Senior vice president, alternative series, specials and late-night programming, ABC Entertainment. Mills is charged with development, current production and specials for ABC. He and his group oversee production on *American Idol*, *Shark Tank*, *The Bachelor* franchise, *Dancing with the Stars* and *America's Funniest Home Videos*, late-night talk show *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*, the popular “Fun & Games” programming block, and many more.
- **Dawn Olmstead:** Recently named CEO and partner of Anonymous Content, the leading management and film, TV and branded content company. Olmstead joined Anonymous Content from Universal Content Productions where she served as president overseeing all creative and business

operations of scripted and non-scripted content for the studio, making her the first female head of a traditional media studio to oversee both.

- **Issa Rae:** Actress, writer and producer. Rae first garnered attention for her award-winning web series and the accompanying New York Times best-seller *The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl*. She created and stars in the hit HBO show *Insecure* for which she has received multiple Emmy® and Golden Globe® nominations and made her film debut in the acclaimed drama *The Hate U Give*. This year she starred in Netflix's romantic comedy *The Lovebirds* and the HBO political-satire drama *Coastal Elites*.
- **Vernon Sanders:** Co-Head of Television at Amazon Studios. Sanders oversees scripted and unscripted original programming produced for Prime Video and IMDb TV alongside Albert Cheng, including the Emmy Award-winning comedies *Fleabag* and *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, *Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan*, and *The Boys*. Prior to joining Amazon Studios, Sanders served as Executive Vice President, Current Programming for NBC overseeing more than 25 shows each year over his seven-year tenure. He also led the first year of the studio's Director in Training program.
- **Zack Van Amburg:** Chief content officer and head of worldwide video for Apple TV+. Van Amburg oversees all aspects of the vision and strategy for video programming globally including the launch of the platform, which made history as the first streaming service to debut with all original programs in over 100 countries. Under his leadership, Apple TV+ has become a home for the world's most creative storytellers. Prior to joining Apple, he served as president of Sony Pictures Television where he oversaw TV's most broadly praised shows of the past decade.

Additionally, the Academy's board of governors has elected the following individuals as their representatives on the executive committee for the 2021 term: Eva Basler, daytime programming; Kim Coleman, casting directors; Nicole Marostica, public relations; and Lois Vossen, documentary programming.

Cris Abrego, Chairman of the Americas, Banijay, and President and CEO, Endemol Shine Holdings, who was recently elected to serve a two-year term as the Television Academy Foundation Chair, will also serve on the Television Academy's Executive Committee.

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. And it celebrates those who have excelled by recognizing their achievements through accolades and awards, including television's most coveted prize, the Emmy® Award. For more information, please visit TelevisionAcademy.com.

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