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AFI and 20th Century Fox Strike Partnership Aimed at Female Directors

Description

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Twentieth Century Fox Film and the American Film Institute have entered a new partnership to help increase the number of female directors working on major studio films. The initiative will provide alumnae of the AFI Conservatory Directing Workshop for Women (DWW) â?? the American Film Instituteâ??s unique female filmmaker training program â?? the opportunity to direct short films based on the Studioâ??s film franchises.

With the necessary expertise, tools and access to the Studioâ??s extensive intellectual property, the filmmakers will be invited to contribute to building the narrative world of Foxâ??s film franchises, and in the process, create sample work in genres, particularly action and science fiction, in which female filmmakers are often underrepresented.

Fox is committed to providing significant resources to the projects, to reflect the quality and scale of the franchise films that they support. Fox will finance, produce and distribute the short films, via its many platforms. The filmmakers will be able to add the projects to their portfolios and pitch Fox feature films unrelated to the shorts in the future.

Kicking off the trailblazing partnership, 35â??50 graduates will be selected for an introduction to the terms of the initiative. Ten finalists will present original pitches to senior executives at 20th Century Fox. One or more filmmakers will be chosen to make their concept into a short film.

â??The dearth of female directors is not a matter of passion or talent,â?• said 20th Century Fox Film Chairman and CEO Stacey Snider, who made the announcement today. â??Instead, itâ??s often a question of access and resources. Weâ??re excited to offer these to talented women filmmakers who then can build upon this practical work experience.â?•

â??AFI believes that the future of this American art form is a true symphony of voices,â?• said Bob Gazzale, AFI President and CEO. â??We have been committed to this issue from our founding, and we look forward to this landmark collaboration with Fox to impact the art and entertainment landscape in a profound way.â?•

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