



## AFI Taps 25 Alumnae for Fox Filmmakers Lab

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Following a rigorous selection process, AFI selected 25 alumnae from the AFI Conservatory and the AFI Conservatory Directing Workshop for Women (DWW) to advance to the next phase of the Fox Filmmakers Lab. From [a previous post](#), the Lab is a partnership between Twentieth Century Fox Film and AFI, who will together work to increase the number of female directors working on major studio films by giving the alumnae opportunities to direct short films based on the studio's film franchises and titles, such as: ALIEN, CHRONICLE, DIE HARD, ERAGON (Fox 2000), THE FLY, THE MAZE RUNNER, THE OMEN, PLANET OF THE APES and PREDATOR.

The 2017 Fox Filmmaker Lab directors/AFI alumnae are:

Joey Ally  
Gillian Barnes  
Shaz Bennett  
Meredith Berg  
Aubree Bernier-Clarke  
Christine Boylan  
Jan Eliasberg  
Rachel Goldberg  
Anne Hamilton  
Tannaz Hazemi  
Courtney Hoffman  
Mako Kamitsuna  
Alexis O. Korycinski  
Jean Lee  
Erin Li  
Maggie Mahrt  
Manjari Makijany  
Rosita Lama Muvdi

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Mia Niebruegge  
Jane Pickett  
Deborah M. Pratt  
Lisanne Sartor  
Thoranna Sigurdardottir  
Devi Snively  
Valerie Weis

Following the conclusion of Lab Week at Fox — which provided participants with tremendous access to the process of studio filmmaking — the filmmakers were celebrated at a cocktail party kickoff event in Beverly Hills, CA on Thursday, January 12, with Stacey Snider (Chairman and CEO of Twentieth Century Fox Film) and Bob Gazzale (President and CEO of AFI) in attendance in support of this groundbreaking partnership and to welcome the incoming filmmakers to the program.

In the Spring, following further mentored development of their material, the directors will pitch their franchise or reboot ideas to Fox executives. One or more filmmakers will be chosen to make their concept into a short film.

Fox is committed to providing significant resources to the projects, to reflect the quality and scale of the films that they support. The filmmakers will be able to add the projects to their portfolios and pitch Fox feature films unrelated to the shorts in the future.

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