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## Editorial

As we move toward Year's end, all of us here at USA Production News would like to thank you, our subscribers, for your continued support. We love to hear your success stories of starting new jobs (I am sure there are few Newsletter publishers who are excited to hear a subscriber is stopping their subscription due to successfully finding work).

It is our intention to publish reports on each of the coming Monday's with the exception of December 29. While the reports will be shorter in the coming month, we are going to focus on the **Projects** starting in the New Year and pilots as they are announced for production.

We are also excited to announce a new product will soon be available from our website. Beginning in January we will roll out a new service, USA CASTING NEWS. Focused on access to casting directors, the USA CASTING NEWS will include email contact for the decision makers in the casting office. Be sure to visit our website in the coming month to learn more.

Linda Klein, VP, Subscriber Relations

## Productions

**Project:** 90 Minutes of the Fever  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Location:** Los Angeles  
**Starts:** December 2014  
**Director:** Michael Sean Hall  
**Producer:** Joan Carlson, Monica Cooper [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#), W.E. Baker  
**Prod. Co.:** Make It Happen Entertainment, Inc.

**Project:** Amerigeddon  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** Active Development  
**Genre:** Action  
**Location:** Dallas  
**Starts:** January 12, 2015  
**Director:** Mike Norris  
**Producer:** David Timmes, Sanford Hampton, Valerie Norris  
**BTL:** Line Prod: Sanford Hampton [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Prod. Co.:** 2nd Fiddle Entertainment, Forewarned Llc

**Project:** **Angie Tribeca**

**Type:** Episodic  
**Status:** Active Development  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Location:** Los Angeles  
**Starts:** January 2015  
**Cast:** Jere Burns, Deon Cole, Rashida Jones  
**Director:** Various  
**Producer:** Campbell Smith, Nancy Carell, Steve Carell, Thom Hinkle  
**BTL:** Line Prod: Ronald Chong [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Prod. Co.:** Carousel Television/Productions  
**Studio:** Warner Bros. Pictures  
**Network:** TBS/Turner Network Television (TNT)

**Project:** **Ben Hur**

**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** Active Development  
**Genre:** Epic Drama  
**Location:** Rome, Italy  
**Starts:** February 2015  
**Cast:** Tom Hiddleston, Morgan Freeman, Jack Huston  
**Director:** Timur Bekmambetov  
**Producer:** Jason F. Brown [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#), Joni Levin, Mark Burnett, Roma Downey, Sean Daniel  
**BTL:** Line Prod: Duncan Henderson [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Prod. Co.:** Bazelevs Productions, Lightworkers Media, Mark Burnett Productions, The Sean Daniel Company  
**Studio:** MGM, Paramount Pictures

**Project:** **Big Life**

**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** Active Development  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Location:** TBA  
**Starts:** January 12, 2015  
**Director:** Jon Gries  
**Producer:** Brian A. Hoffman, Jay Hoffman  
**BTL:** Line Prod: Marsha L. Swinton [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Prod. Co.:** 28 Entertainment

**Project:** **Blunt Talk**  
**Type:** Comedy  
**Status:** Active Development  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Location:** Los Angeles  
**Starts:** January 26, 2015  
**Cast:** Patrick Stewart  
**Director:** Various  
**Producer:** Jonathan Ames, Seth MacFarlane  
**BTL:** Line Prod: Leanne Moore [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Prod. Co.:** Fuzzy Door Productions, Media Rights Capital (MRC)  
**Network:** Starz (Channel)

**Project:** **Cold Eyes of Absolution**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** Active Development  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Location:** TBA  
**Starts:** January 2015  
**Cast:** Malcolm McDowell, Bruce Davison, Natasha Henstridge, Luke Gross, Tommy Flanagan  
**Director:** Wes Miller  
**Producer:** Leonard Ohaebosim, Tyler W. Konney [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**BTL:** Line Prod: Joel Sadilek [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Prod. Co.:** Sweet Unknown Studios, Taylor & Dodge LLC

**Project:** **Dark Matter**  
**Type:** Episodic  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Science Fiction  
**Location:** Toronto  
**Starts:** January 7, 2015  
**Director:** Various  
**Producer:** Jay Firestone, Joseph Mallozzi, Paul Mullie  
**BTL:** Line Prod: Norm Denver [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#) POC: Alice Foster [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Prod. Co.:** Prodigy Pictures, Inc.  
**Network:** SyFy

**Project: Family Reunion**

*Type:* Comedy Pilot (web content)  
*Status:* PrePro  
*Genre:* Comedy  
*Location:* Los Angeles  
*Starts:* December 8, 2014  
*Director:* Nick Weiss  
*Producer:* Josh Friedlander, Nick Weiss  
*BTL:* Line Prod: Ted Deiker [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
*Prod. Co.:* ABC Studios  
*Studio:* ABC Studios  
*Network:* Hulu

**Project: Geography of Hope**

*Type:* Feature Film  
*Status:* Active Development  
*Genre:* Drama  
*Location:* Puerto Rico  
*Starts:* January 2015  
*Cast:* Aaron Eckhart, Ed Harris, Ethan Hawke, Vera Farmiga  
*Director:* Neil LaBute  
*Producer:* Benjamin Weber, Joey Carey, Stefan Nowicki, Tim Harms, Trace Sheehan  
*BTL:* Line Prod: Lullilo Ruiz [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
*Prod. Co.:* Contemptible Entertainment, Preferred Content, Salt Company, Sundial Pictures [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)

**Project: Happyish**

*Type:* Comedy Pilot  
*Status:* Active Development  
*Genre:* Black Comedy  
*Location:* New York City  
*Starts:* December 8, 2014  
*Cast:* Steve Coogan, Kathryn Hahn, Rhys Ifans  
*Director:* Ken Kwapis  
*Producer:* Alexandra Beattie, Christine Sacani, Emily Ziff, Ken Kwapis  
*BTL:* UPM: Kathy Ciric [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
*Prod. Co.:* Cooper's Town Productions, In Cahoots [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
*Network:* Showtime Networks

**Project:** Hemlock Grove  
**Type:** Episodic  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Horror  
**Location:** Toronto  
**Starts:** December 8, 2014  
**Cast:** Famke Janssen, Bill Skarsgard, Dougray Scott, Landon Liboiron, Penelope Mitchell  
**Director:** Various  
**Producer:** Brian McGreevy, Eric Newman, Lee Shipman, Mark Verheiden, Michael Connolly  
**BTL:** Line Prod: Gerrit Van Der Meer POC: Shelley Boylen UPM: Lena Cordina [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Prod. Co.:** Gaumont International Television, Strike Entertainment [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Network:** Netflix

**Project:** Infiltrator  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** Active Development  
**Genre:** Bio-Drama, Crime  
**Location:** London & Paris  
**Starts:** February 2, 2015  
**Cast:** Bryan Cranston, Marisa Tomei, John Leguizamo  
**Director:** Brad Furman  
**Producer:** Miriam Segal [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**BTL:** Line Prod: Mark Cooper [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Prod. Co.:** Good Films, Relativity Media

**Project:** Marilyn  
**Type:** Miniseries  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Bio-Drama  
**Location:** Toronto - Los Angeles  
**Starts:** December 8, 2014  
**Cast:** Susan Sarandon  
**Director:** Laurie Collyer  
**Producer:** Jonathan Koch, Keri Selig, Steven Michaels  
**BTL:** Line Prod: Joe Boccia [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#) POC: Melissa Girotti [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Prod. Co.:** Asylum Entertainment, Intuition Productions  
**Network:** Lifetime Networks

**Project:** **Mr. Robinson**  
**Type:** Episodic  
**Status:** Active Development  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Location:** Los Angeles  
**Starts:** December 12, 2014  
**Cast:** Craig Robinson, Jean Smart, Ben Koldyke  
**Director:** Various  
**Producer:** Howard Klein, Mark Cullen, Mark Schulman, Robb Cullen  
**BTL:** Line Prod: Marc Solakian [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Prod. Co.:** 3 Arts Entertainment, Inc.  
**Studio:** NBC Universal Television  
**Network:** NBC (network)

**Project:** **One Shot**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Location:** Mexico City  
**Starts:** December 2014  
**Cast:** Topher Grace, Taye Diggs  
**Director:** Isaac Rentz  
**Producer:** Alex Garcia, Daniel Posada, Jason Tamasco, Topher Grace  
**BTL:** Line Prod: Gabriel Heads [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Prod. Co.:** Annapurna Productions, Brillstein Entertainment Partners, Dark Factory Entertainment, Sargent Hall Productions

**Project:** **Roadies**  
**Type:** Comedy Pilot  
**Status:** Active Development  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Location:** Vancouver  
**Starts:** January 19, 2015  
**Director:** Cameron Crowe  
**Producer:** J.J. Abrams, Kathy Lingg, Winnie Holzman  
**BTL:** Line Prod: Iain Paterson [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Prod. Co.:** Bad Robot, Vinyl Films  
**Network:** Showtime Networks

**Project:** **Silence**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Epic Drama, Period  
**Location:** Taipei, Taiwan  
**Starts:** January 2015  
**Cast:** Andrew Garfield, Liam Neeson  
**Director:** Martin Scorsese  
**Producer:** Barbara De Fina, George Furla, Irwin Winkler, Niels Juul, Randall Emmett  
**BTL:** Line Prod: E. Bennett Walsh [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#) UPM: Diane Sabatini [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Prod. Co.:** Cecchi Gori Pictures, Emmett Furla Oasis Films, Sikelia Productions, Winkler Films

**Project:** **Suicide Squad**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** Active Development  
**Genre:** Action  
**Location:** Toronto  
**Starts:** April 15, 2015  
**Cast:** Tom Hardy, Will Smith, Margot Robbie  
**Director:** David Ayer  
**Producer:** Chuck Roven, Dan Linb [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**BTL:** Line Prod: Colin Wilson  
**Prod. Co.:** Atlas Entertainment, DC Entertainment, Lin Pictures  
**Studio:** Warner Bros. Television

**Project:** **Summer Dog**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Location:** Los Angeles  
**Starts:** December 6, 2014  
**Director:** Sean Olson  
**Producer:** Barry Barnholtz, Jeffrey Schenck, Peter Sullivan [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Prod. Co.:** ARO Entertainment, Barnholtz Entertainment



**Project:** **The Accountant**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** Active Development  
**Genre:** Action  
**Location:** Atlanta, GA  
**Starts:** January 15, 2015  
**Cast:** Will Smith, Ben Affleck  
**Director:** Gavin O'Connor  
**Producer:** Jamie Patricof, Lynette Howell, Mark C. Williams  
**BTL:** Line Prod: Marty Ewing [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Prod. Co.:** Electric City Entertainment, Media Rights Capital (MRC), Silverwood Films, Zero Gravity Management  
**Studio:** Sony Pictures Entertainment

**Project:** **The Drop**  
**Type:** Comedy  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Musical Comedy  
**Location:** Toronto  
**Starts:** December 8, 2014  
**Director:** Various  
**Producer:** Nick Cannon, Steven DeNure, Tommy Lynch, Tracey Jardine  
**BTL:** LP: Jim Corston [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#) POC: Susan Jones [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#) UPM: Mark Reid [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Prod. Co.:** DHX Media LTD, N'credible Entertainment, Tom Lynch Company

**Project:** **The Hateful Eight**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Action, Period, Western  
**Location:** Telluride, CO  
**Starts:** December 8, 2014  
**Cast:** Samuel L. Jackson, Kurt Russell, Amber Tamblyn, Bruce Dern, Michael Madsen  
**Director:** Quentin Tarantino  
**Producer:** Bob Weinstein, Harvey Weinstein, Nicolet Scaletta, Pilar Savone, Quentin Tarantino  
**BTL:** Line Prod: G. Mac Brown [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#) UPM: Marc Hammer [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Prod. Co.:** A Band Apart Productions, FilmColony, Shiny Penny Productions  
**Studio:** The Weinstein Company

**Project:** **The Secret in Their Eyes**  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Location:** New Orleans- Los Angeles  
**Starts:** January 26, 2015  
**Cast:** Chiwetel Ejiofor, Gweneth Paltrow, Julia Roberts  
**Director:** Billy Ray  
**Producer:** John Ufland, Juan Jose Campanella, Mark Johnson, Matt Jackson  
**BTL:** Line Prod: Jeremiah Samuels [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Prod. Co.:** Gran Via Productions, IM Global/ Octane, Protocol Entertainment  
**Studio:** Warner Bros. Pictures

**Project:** **Vacationland**  
**Type:** Comedy Pilot  
**Status:** PrePro  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Location:** Wilmington, NC  
**Starts:** December 10, 2014  
**Cast:** Samantha Bee  
**Director:** Steven Pink  
**Producer:** Jason Jones, Samantha Bee  
**BTL:** Line Prod: Larry Rapaport [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Network:** TBS/Turner Network Television (TNT)

**Project:** **Vice Principals**  
**Type:** Episodic  
**Status:** Active Development  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Location:** TBA  
**Starts:** March 1, 2015  
**Cast:** Danny McBride  
**Director:** Various  
**Producer:** Danny McBride, David Gordon Green, Jody Hill, Stephanie Laing  
**BTL:** Line Prod: Stephanie Laing [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Prod. Co.:** Rough House Pictures  
**Network:** HBO Inc

**Project:** X-Men: Apocalypse  
**Type:** Feature Film  
**Status:** Active Development  
**Genre:** Action, Adventure, Science Fiction  
**Location:** Montreal  
**Starts:** April 2015  
**Cast:** Jennifer Lawrence, Michael Fassbender, James McAvoy, Nicholas Hoult  
**Director:** Bryan Singer  
**Producer:** Hutch Parker, Lauren Schuler Donner  
**BTL:** Line Prod: Todd Hallowell [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#) UPM: Daniel Auclair [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)  
**Prod. Co.:** Bad Hat Harry, Hutch Parker Entertainment, Marvel Studios, Inc./Television  
**Studio:** 20th Century Fox

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