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Editorial

Due to the Holidays, this week's report is a bit shorter and carries a large number of Projects starting in the New Year.

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Wishing you all the best for the Holiday Seasons,

Linda Klein

Productions

Project: 478
Type: Feature Film
Status: PrePro
Genre: Drama
Location: Columbus, Ohio
Starts: December 14, 2015
Cast: Arnold Schwarzenegger
Director: Elliott Lester
Producer: Darren Aronofsky, George Furla, Josh Stern, Randall Emmett
BTL: Line Prod: Bill Steakley [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: Emmett Furla Oasis Films, Protozoa Pictures [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Studio: Lionsgate Films

Project: **A Series of Unfortunate Events**
Type: Episodic
Status: Active Development
Genre: Bio-Drama, Mystery
Location: Vancouver
Starts: Winter 2016
Director: Barry Sonnenfeld
Producer: Barry Sonnenfeld, Daniel Handler, Mark Hudis, Tad Safran
BTL: Line Prod: Rose Lam [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: Right Coast Productions
Studio: Paramount Television
Network: Netflix

Project: **A Storm In The Stars**
Type: Feature Film
Status: Active Development
Genre: Drama, Period, Romance
Location: London-Berlin/Romania
Starts: January 2016
Cast: Elle Fanning, Bel Powley
Director: Haifaa Al Mansour
Producer: Alan Moloney, Amy Baer, Christopher Ceccotti, Joannie Burstein, Rebecca Miller
BTL: Line Prod: Mark Cooper [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: Burstein Company, Gidden Media

Project: **Altar Rock**
Type: Feature Film
Status: Active Development
Genre: Thriller
Location: Massachusetts
Starts: March 2016
Director: Andrzej Bartowiak
Producer: Mark Donadio [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#), Miriam Marcus
BTL: Line Prod: Andrea Ajemian [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: Moody Independent
Studio: Insomnia Media Group

Project: **American Gods**
Type: Episodic Pilot
Status: Active Development
Genre: Drama, Fantasy
Location: Toronto
Starts: March 2016
Cast: Patrick Stewart
Director: David Slade
Producer: Bryan Fuller, Craig Cegielski, Gary Goetzman, Michael J. Green, Neil Gaiman, Thom Beers, Tom Hanks
BTL: Line Prod: David Coatsworth [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#) POC: Jackie Alexander-Moulson
Production Supervisor: Kara Czestochowski UPM: Lisa Kussner [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: FremantleMedia North America, Living Dead Guy Productions, Playtone Productions
Network: Starz (Channel)

Project: **American Gothic**
Type: Episodic
Status: Active Development
Genre: Drama
Location: Toronto
Starts: February 29, 2016
Director: TBA
Producer: Darryl Frank, Frank Siracusa, James Frey, John Weber, Justin Falvey, Todd Cohen
BTL: Line Prod: Shauna Jamison [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: Amblin Television, Full Fathom Five
Studio: CBS Television Studios
Network: CBS Entertainment (Network)

Project: **Andiland**
Type: Episodic Pilot
Status: Active Development
Genre: Drama
Location: Los Angeles
Starts: January 2016
Cast: Peyton Elizabeth Lee
Director: TBD
Producer: Michelle Manning [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#), Terri Minsky
Prod. Co.: MM Productions
Network: Disney Channel

Project: **Baby Driver**
Type: Feature Film
Status: Active Development
Genre: Action, Crime
Location: Atlanta
Starts: February 11, 2016
Cast: Jamie Foxx, Jon Hamm, Lily James
Director: Edgar Wright
Producer: Eric Fellner, Kenton Allen, Leo Thompson, Matthew Justice, Nira Park, Tim Bevan
BTL: Line Prod: Adam Merims [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#) Production Supervisor: Nick Hatton
UPM: Haley Sweet [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: Big Talk Productions, Media Rights Capital (MRC), Working Title Films
Studio: Sony Pictures Entertainment

Project: **Backstabbing for Beginners**
Type: Feature Film
Status: Active Development
Genre: Thriller
Location: Toronto-Denmark
Starts: January 11, 2016
Cast: Josh Hutcherson, Ben Kingsley
Director: Per Fly
Producer: Daniel Bekerman, Gregory Shockro, Jacob Jorgensen, Jay van Hoy, Jeff Kalligheri, Lars Knudsen
BTL: Line Prod: Daniel Bekerman [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#) POC: Anne Marley
Prod. Co.: Eyeworks Scandi Fiction, Fortitude International, Parts And Labor Films, Scythia Films

Project: **Bad Santa 2**
Type: Feature Film
Status: Active Development
Genre: Comedy
Location: Montreal
Starts: January 11, 2016
Cast: Billy Bob Thornton, Kathy Bates
Director: Mark Waters
Producer: Adam Fields, Daniel Iron, David Thwaites, Geyer Kosinski, Lance Samuels [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
BTL: Line Prod: Jeffrey Lampert [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: Blue Ice Films, Broad Green Pictures, Halyard Park, Media Talent Group
Studio: Miramax Film & TV

Project: **Billionaire Boys Club**
Type: Feature Film
Status: PrePro
Genre: Docudrama
Location: New Orleans- Los Angeles
Starts: December 11, 2015
Cast: Ansel Elgort, Kevin Spacey, Emma Roberts
Director: James Cox
Producer: Holly Wiersma, Lauren Mann
BTL: LP/UPM: Damien Lubiak [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: Armory Films, Evolution Independent, Holly Wiersma Productions [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)

Project: **Brothers in Atlanta**
Type: Episodic
Status: Active Development
Genre: Drama
Location: Atlanta
Starts: March 2016
Cast: Maya Rudolph, Jaden Smith
Director: Various
Producer: Andrew Singer, Doug Griffin, Jeff Field, Lorne Michaels, Story Tim
BTL: Line Prod: Aida Rodgers [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#) UPM: Charlie Skouras [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: Broadway Video Inc, Field Entertainment, The Story Company
Network: HBO Inc

Project: **Crater**
Type: Feature Film
Status: Active Development
Genre: Action, Drama
Location: Indonesia
Starts: Mid-January 2016
Director: Renny Harlin
Producer: Carol Ning
BTL: Line Prod: Aaron Shershow [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: Base FX, Iskandar Malaysia Studios SDN BHD, Midnight Sun Pictures

Project: **Drunk Parents**
Type: Feature Film
Status: Active Development
Genre: Action, Comedy
Location: New York
Starts: January 11, 2016
Cast: Salma Hayek, Alec Baldwin
Director: Fred Wolf
Producer: Aaron L. Gilbert, [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#), Nadine DeBarros, Robert Ogden Barnum
BTL: Line Prod: Jamin O'Brien [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: Brillstein Entertainment Partners, Bron Studios, Fortitude International

Project: **Fast And The Furious 8**
Type: Feature Film
Status: Active Development
Genre: Action, Adventure
Location: New York- Atlanta
Starts: March 21, 2016
Cast: Vin Diesel, Dwayne Johnson-Cochran, Jason Statham, Cody Walker
Director: F. Gary Gray
Producer: Amanda Lewis [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#), Neal H. Moritz, Samantha Vincent, Vin Diesel
BTL: Line Prod: Michael Fottrell [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: One Race Films, Original Film
Studio: Universal Pictures

Project: **Fifty Shades Darker (part 2)**
Type: Feature Film
Status: Active Development
Genre: Sex Thriller
Location: Vancouver
Starts: February 2016
Cast: Jamie Dornan, Dakota Johnson
Director: James Foley
Producer: Dana Brunetti, Michael De Luca
BTL: Line Prod: Marcus Viscidi [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#) UPM: Barbara A. Kelly [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: Focus Features, Michael De Luca Productions, Trigger Street Productions
Studio: Universal Pictures

Project: **Fifty Shades Freed (part 3)**
Type: Feature Film
Status: Active Development
Genre: Sex Thriller
Location: Vancouver, BC
Starts: Spring 2016
Cast: Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan
Director: James Foley
Producer: Dana Brunetti, E. L. James, Michael De Luca
BTL: Line Prod: Marcus Viscidi [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#) UPM: Barbara A. Kelly [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: Focus Features, Michael De Luca Productions, Trigger Street Productions
Studio: Universal Pictures

Project: **Heart Beats**
Type: Feature Film
Status: PrePro
Genre: Musical, Romance
Location: Mumbai, India
Starts: December 2015
Cast: Aimee Teegarden
Director: Duane Adler
Producer: Andrea Chung, Guneet Monga, Kirk D'Amico, Sriram Das [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
BTL: Line Prod: Dileep Singh Rathore [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: Bowery Hills Entertainment, Das Films, Hungry Yak Productions, Myriad Pictures, On The Road, Sikhya Films

Project: **Heart, Baby!**
Type: Feature Film
Status: Active Development
Genre: Drama
Location: New Orleans
Starts: January 11, 2016
Director: Angela Shelton
Producer: Ali Drummond, Shawn-Caulin Young
BTL: Line Prod: Scott Putman [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: Round Room Productions [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)

Project: **Mother/Daughter**
Type: Feature Film
Status: Active Development
Genre: Comedy
Location: TBA
Starts: Mid March 2016
Cast: Amy Schumer
Director: Jonathan Levine
Producer: Jenno Topping, Jessie Henderson, Paul Feig, Peter Chernin, Steven Ast
BTL: Line Prod: Jeremiah Samuels [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: Chernin Entertainment, Feigco Entertainment
Studio: 20th Century Fox

Project: **My So Called Wife**
Type: Episodic Pilot
Status: PrePro
Genre: Black Comedy
Location: Vancouver
Starts: December 1, 2015
Cast: Inbar Lavi, Parker Young
Director: Adam Brooks
Producer: Adam Brooks, Paul Adelstein
BTL: Line Prod: John G. Lenic [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#) POC: Almaz Tadege UPM: Christina Toy [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: GEP My Wife Inc. [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Studio: Universal Cable Productions (UCP)
Network: Bravo

Project: **Probable Cause**
Type: Episodic Pilot
Status: Active Development
Genre: Drama
Location: Toronto
Starts: February 16, 2016
Director: Mel Damski
Producer: Annie Brunner, Brett Burlock, Christopher Barrett, Ivan Fecan, Jeff Sagansky, Kevin Beggs, Nancy Miller
BTL: Line Prod: Lena Cordina [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: Probable Productions, Inc., Sea To Sky Entertainment, Tandem Communications GMBH
Studio & Network: Lionsgate TV ABC (Network)

Project: **The Blue Mauritius**
Type: Feature Film
Status: Active Development
Genre: Crime
Location: Berlin- Paris-Capetown
Starts: March 2016
Director: Alexander Witt
Producer: Daniel Ziskind, Dexter Davis, Ilann Girard, Nick Cannon
BTL: Line Prod: Whitney Brown [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#) UPM: Tom Sternitzke
Prod. Co.: D Street Films, N'credible Entertainment

Project: **The Comedian**
Type: Feature Film
Status: Active Development
Genre: Dramedy
Location: New York - Florida
Starts: February 1, 2016
Cast: Robert De Niro, Kristin Wiig, Sean Penn, Jennifer Anniston, Charles Grodin
Director: Taylor Hackford
Producer: Art Linson, Jane Rosenthal, John Linson, Jon Kilik, Robert De Niro, Shannon Costello
BTL: Line Prod: Tracy Landon [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: After Dark Films, Cinelou Films, LLC, Linson Films/Linson Entertainment, Tribeca Productions

Project: **The Dark Tower**
Type: Feature Film
Status: Active Development
Genre: Fantasy
Location: South Africa
Starts: March 2016
Cast: Matthew McConaughey
Director: Nikolaj Arcel
Producer: Akiva Goldsman, Brian Grazer, Jeff Pinkner, Ron Howard, Stephen King
BTL: Line Prod: G. Mac Brown [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: Imagine Entertainment, Media Rights Capital (MRC), Weed Road Pictures
Studio: Columbia Pictures/SPE

Project: **The Night Pond**
Type: Feature Film
Status: Active Development
Genre: Drama
Location: Calgary, Canada
Starts: January 6, 2016
Cast: David LeReaney
Director: John Kissack
Producer: Jason Therrien
BTL: UPM: Kyle Cooper [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: Green Productions

Project: **True Fiction**
Type: Episodic Pilot
Status: PrePro
Genre: Drama
Location: Atlanta
Starts: December 1, 2015
Cast: Olivia Grant
Director: Brian Dannelly
Producer: Brian Dannelly, Michael Urban
BTL: Line Prod: Patty Long [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#) POC: Kristin Klos UPM: Sharon Dietz [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: Universal Cable Productions (UCP)
Network: Bravo

Project: **Van Helsing**
Type: Episodic
Status: Active Development
Genre: Fantasy, Horror, Period
Location: Vancouver
Starts: January 2016
Director: Various
Producer: Chad Oakes, Daniel March, Dave Brown, Evan Tyler, Klaus Zimmerman, Michael Frislev, Simon Barry
BTL: Line Prod: Christian Rudolph [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: Nomadic Pictures
Network: SyFy

Project: Visions
Type: Telefilm
Status: PrePro
Genre: Drama
Location: Los Angeles
Starts: December 5, 2015
Director: Michael Scott
Producer: Cathy Hughes, Susan Banks
BTL: Line Prod: Nicci Freeman [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: DigiLab Productions Ltd.
Network: TV-1

Project: Why Him?
Type: Feature Film
Status: Active Development
Genre: Comedy
Location: Los Angeles-Michigan
Starts: February 1, 2016
Cast: James Franco, Bryan Cranston
Director: John Hamburg
Producer: Ben Stiller, Shawn Levy
BTL: Line Prod: Georgia Kacandes [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#) Production Supervisor: Nathan Kelly [Email address displayed for subscribers only](#)
Prod. Co.: 21 Laps Entertainment, Particular Pictures, Red Hour Films/ Television
Studio: 20th Century Fox
Casting Director: Rachel Tenner

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