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HOSTED BY **ROBIN THEDE**

Emmy-nominee Robin Thede is a multi-talented comedic writer, performer and producer known for her hilarious characters and social and political commentary.

Thede is the Creator, Showrunner, Executive Producer, Writer and Star of HBO's three-time Emmy-nominated variety sketch series, "A Black Lady Sketch Show." She is the first Black American woman to create an Emmy-nominated sketch series. Season one premiered to universal critical acclaim and is currently Certified Fresh at 100% on Rotten Tomatoes. In addition to Thede, the first season starred Ashley Nicole Black, Quinta Brunson, and Gabrielle Dennis, as well as guests, including Executive Producer Issa Rae, Angela Bassett, Laverne Cox, Patti Labelle and more. The show also won a TCA Award in the category of "Outstanding Achievement In Sketch/Variety Shows." The show will return for its highly anticipated second season on April 23 with two new featured players, Skye Townsend and Laci Mosely.

Recently, Thede signed a multiple-year overall deal with Warner Bros. TV. The deal extends her relationship with WarnerMedia for whom she created "A Black Lady Sketch Show." Under this deal, Thede will develop new content for streaming outlets, premium and basic cable and broadcast networks.

In film, Thede was most recently seen in Justin Simien's horror satire, "Bad Hair" alongside Lena Waithe, Vanessa Williams, Laverne Cox, Kelly Rowland and Elle Lorraine. The film premiered to rave reviews at the 2020 Sundance Film Festival and was quickly purchased by Hulu for distribution.

Previously, she was the Creator, Executive Producer, Writer and Host of "The Rundown with Robin Thede" on BET where she made her mark as one of the only Black women to ever host a late-night television talk show. Before that, Thede served as both a correspondent and head writer on Comedy Central's "The Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore," becoming the first Black woman to earn the title of Head Writer in late-night television.

In October 2020, Thede was honored at the 4th Annual MIPCOM Diversity TV Excellence Awards with their prestigious "Variety Creative Change" award. Other recent accolades Thede has received include Variety's 2020 "Comedy Impact Report" and their 2019 "10 Comics to Watch" as well as the honoree at the 2020 Lexus Uptown Honors Hollywood event.



AYO EDEBIRI

LOS ANGELES, CA

AYO EDEBIRI is a fast-rising writer/performer who has been profiled by Time Out NY, Vulture, and Forbes, and is the new voice of Missy on "Big Mouth." She landed a lead role in the indie "Hello Goodbye & Everything in Between," and plays Hattie in S2 of the Apple series "Dickinson," a role that was created specifically for her after she joined the writers room. Other writing credits include "Mulligan," "Big Mouth" and "Sunnyside." Ayo also co-hosts the podcast "Iconography" for Forever Dog.

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DANIEL WEBB

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DANIEL WEBB is an LA-based comic and musician from Texas, whose stand-up has been described as "a splendid rush of charisma." Wanda Sykes recently summed Daniel up in three simple words, "Riotous. Queer. Star." Daniel currently co-hosts and produces "HAGS" in Los Angeles (The Virgil Bar), is featuring for Margaret Cho nationwide, and recently filmed a 1-hour special Live at the Rose Bowl (Tribeca Film Fest) set to be released in 2021.

Known for a fast-paced, wide-ranging set, Daniel famously garnered international attention cracking gay jokes with President Barack Obama, was a featured performer at JFL Northwest 2020, was selected as one of Comedy Central's "Up Next Comedians," made Vulture's list of "Comedians You Should and Will Know," and was a finalist on StandUp NBC.

Daniel's comedy is featured on "Unprotected Sets" (Epix), "Comedy Central Stand Up" (Comedy Central), "Inside Joke with Asif Ali" (Amazon), "Coming to the Stage" (Hulu), "Mortified Guide" (Netflix) and "Out on Stage: The Movie!" (Amazon Prime).

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FRANCHESCA RAMSEY

NEW YORK, NY

FRANCHESCA RAMSEY is an actress, writer, performer and influencer. Currently, Franchesca is the host of MTV's popular online series "Decoded with Franchesca Ramsey," which has run for seven seasons. Most recently, she wrote for the 2020 Academy Awards and developed a comedy project for FOX with Kay Cannon & Laverne McKinnon's producing through Sony Pictures TV. Additionally, she also developed and starred Comedy Central's sketch web series "Franchesca and Show." Her credits also include being a writer and contributor for Comedy Central's "Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore," where she created the popular segment #HashItOut and the infamous original viral video "Sh*t White Girls Say…to Black Girls." Her book "Well That Escalated Quickly: Memoirs and Mistakes Of An Accidental Activist" was published in 2018.

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JESUS TREJO

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JESUS TREJO is one of the fastest rising names in the stand-up comedy scene. Born and raised in Long Beach, Trejo recently had his first hour stand-up special “Stay At Home Son” debut on Showtime in summer of 2020. He can be seen recurring as the role of Mr. Trujillo on the Netflix series “Mr. Iglesias,” and in roles on “Alone Together” (Freeform) and “Teachers” (TV Land). Jesus is also the host of “Tacos Con Todo,” the newest web series from Complex/First We Feast (Hot Ones) in which he navigates the LA taco scene with celebrity guests. Jesus was named a Variety “Top 10 Comic to Watch” at JFL in 2017, and is a paid regular at the Comedy Store in Los Angeles.

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JOYELLE NICOLE JOHNSON

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JOYELLE NICOLE JOHNSON is a comedian and writer. Joyelle made her network TV debut on "Late Night with Seth Meyers" and has done punchup for "Broad City" and Abbi and Ilana's animated Comedy Central pilot "Mall Town." She was the warmup comic for the "Patriot Act" on Netflix and the permanent guest host for the Sirius XM radio show "Godfrey Complex." She has performed on Wyatt Cenac's "Night Train" (SeeSo), "This Week at the Comedy Cellar" and "Comics to Watch" (Comedy Central), "LaffMob" (TruTV), and is in this season of HBO's "Crashing." She was selected for the 2018 FOX Comedy showcase and was a finalist in NBC's Stand Up For Diversity Showcase. Vulture and NY Magazine named her one of the "Comedians You Should and Will Know" in 2020. She regularly features for Hannibal Buress and has opened for Dave Chappelle, Russell Peters and Maria Bamford. She also tours with "Lady Parts Justice League."

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MARY BETH BARONE

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MARY BETH BARONE is a Manhattan-based comedian, writer, and actor. In 2019, she was named one of Comedy Central's "Up Next Comedians" and performed at their annual showcase as a part of "Clusterfest." She was also chosen as one of TimeOut NY's "Women of the Year 2020." She was recently on Vulture's list of "Comedians You Should and Will Know" in 2020. Her stand-up has been (accurately) described as dark post-modernism and ingeniously self-aware. Mary Beth is the host of "Drag His Ass: A F*ckboy Treatment Program," a show about f*ckboys, which is currently in development at Comedy Central. She is also developing an original scripted half-hour comedy entitled "Trust Us," with Emma Roberts, through her company Belletrist.

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NORI REED

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NORI REED is a Los Angeles-based comedian from Christian County, Kentucky. Nori cut her teeth in the stand-up world in Oakland, CA, and was boldly named "Oakland's Next Great Comedian" by SF Weekly in 2019. Nori has opened for Amy Poehler at Comedy Central's "Clusterfest" and for Maria Bamford at SF Sketchfest. Nori has featured at Outside Lands Music & Arts Festival and All Jane Comedy Festival. Nori's writing has been published in Vogue, and she recently finished consulting for a scripted Audible series produced by Broadway Video.

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OPEY OLAGBAJU

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OPEYEMI "OPEY" OLAGBAJU is currently writing on HBO Max's "Close Enough." He was a story editor on "Betty" (HBO), and worked on the upcoming "Phoebe Robinson Show" for Comedy Central, "The New Negroes" (also Comedy Central), "Unrelated" (Freeform), and "I Love You America with Sarah Silverman" (Hulu). He is currently in development on "Bammas" (with Biniam Bizuneh) at Hulu and also attached to star; the project originated as a pitch for the 2019 Sundance Episodic Lab.

As a standup, Opey has showcased in several festivals, such as the Bridgetown Comedy Festival, SF Sketchfest, the World Series of Comedy, and District of Comedy and was a New Face at the 2019 Just For Laughs festival in Montreal.

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PETEY DEABREU

NEW YORK, NY

PETEY DEABREU is a Bronx born-and-raised comedian. He recently toured with Ilana Glazer, worked as a producer on her new stand-up special "The Planet is Burning" on Amazon, and is developing a show with her for Comedy Central. This past year, Petey also performed at Comedy Central's "Clusterfest," and debuted two half hour stand-up specials entitled "POVerty" and "A Dead Ass Half" at Union Hall. Additionally, Petey hosts several popular weekly shows in Brooklyn and Manhattan, including White Chocolate with Christi Chiello, which was featured at the 2018 NY Comedy Festival.

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TYREE ELAINE

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TYREE ELAINE, who was recently named to JFL's "New Faces of Comedy," is a diverse comedienne, actress and writer who recently wrote for ABC's, "The Conners" and "The Last O.G." for TBS. A semifinalist on NBC's "Last Comic Standing," Tyree has also been seen on "Black Jesus" (Adult Swim), "Laff Tracks" (TruTV), "50 Central" (BET), "Showtime at the Apollo" (FOX), "Bill Bellamy's Who's Got Jokes?" (TV One), "The Xperiment" (BET) and "Laff Mobb's We Got Next" (Aspire). You can currently find her performing at LA venues such as The Comedy Store, The Laugh Factory, The Hollywood Improv and The Comedy Union.

In 2016, Tyree created and starred in a digital anthology video series called "Women Over 30 Be Like." The series humorously depicts the things women say during specific periods of their lives and was written about in The New York Times.

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