

# UPFRONT 2017: TNT orders Liz Sarnoff and Margaret Cho's "Highland" to pilot

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### Cho to Star and Co-Write Script with Sarnoff for Comedic Drama from Tomorrow Studios and Turner's Studio T

Turner's **TNT** has ordered a pilot for *Highland*, a scripted drama written and executive produced by **Liz Sarnoff** (*Lost*, *Barry*) and actress-comedian **Margaret Cho** (*Margaret Cho: PsyCHO*, *Drop Dead Diva*), who will also star. The pilot, which is inspired by Cho's personal history with substance abuse, is a co-production of Marty Adelstein's **Tomorrow Studios** and Turner's **Studio T**, with Cho serving as executive producer

*Highland* will chronicle what happens when two extended, dysfunctional Korean-American families who share the same patriarch must come together after tragedy strikes. As it turns out, the most reliable person in both families is the one who just got out of rehab.

"Liz Sarnoff and Margaret Cho's brilliant script exposes Margaret's warm heart and bracing humor, balancing powerful emotional truths with laugh-out-loud scenes and characters," said **Sarah Aubrey**, **executive vice president of original programming for TNT**. "*Highland* continues TNT's commitment to bringing diverse voices and worlds to television. We look forward to making a pilot with such a singular talent as Margaret Cho."

*Highland* joins an ever-expanding roster of TNT pilots designed to continue the network's programming evolution that began last year with the summer hit *Animal Kingdom*. The pilot marks TNT's third project with Tomorrow Studios, which also produces the network's acclaimed new drama *Good Behavior*, starring Michelle Dockery, and is currently in production on a pilot for *Snowpiercer*, an action-packed drama based on the award-winning film by Bong Joon Ho. TNT's development slate also includes pilots for *The Deep Mad Dark*, a thriller about the complexities of friendship, from executive producers John Wells and Megan Martin, and *Deadlier Than the Male* (working title), a challenging and morally complex thriller about three damaged people trying to start over, from executive producers Bruna Papandrea, Harriet Warner and Casey Haver.

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### About Tomorrow Studios

**Tomorrow Studios**, a joint venture between CEO Marty Adelstein and ITV Studios, develops and produces dramas and comedies distributed by ITV Studios Global Entertainment. Spearheaded by

Adelstein and Becky Clements (President), this highly successful producing duo has already enjoyed great success as they head into their second season of TNT's *Good Behavior*, starring Michelle Dockery. They have two pilots currently in production at TNT: *Snowpiercer* by Josh Friedman and directed by Scott Derrickson based on the iconic film, and *Highland*, by Liz Sarnoff, starring Margaret Cho in a dramedy loosely based on Margaret's life. Tomorrow Studios also has an exclusive development deal with Fabrication, a production company formed by award-winning writer/showrunner trio John McNamara, Sera Gamble (*The Magicians*, *Aquarius*) and Alex Cunningham (*Chance*, *Aquarius*).

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