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The Last O.G., Starring Tracy Morgan; *Drop the Mic*, Hosted by Method Man & Hailey Baldwin;

And *Snoop Dogg Presents The Joker's Wild* Join Season 2 of *Search Party*
As TBS's Brand Evolution Continues

This fall, **TBS** will enter the next phase of its ongoing brand evolution with a slate of three new original series, plus the eagerly anticipated second season of a returning favorite. Leading the pack on **Tuesday, Oct. 24** will be TBS's new scripted comedy *The Last O.G.*, starring and created by superstar and multiple Emmy® nominee **Tracy Morgan** alongside creators and executive producers **Jordan Peele** and **John Carcieri**. This marks the exciting return of Morgan to series television as he stars opposite **Tiffany Haddish**, who is hot off the heels of the box office success *Girls Trip*. TBS will also add (mostly) friendly competition to the mix with the new head-to-head celebrity rap battle competition *Drop the Mic*, hosted by **Method Man** and **Hailey Baldwin** and based on the popular segment from *The Late Late Show with James Corden*, premiering **Thursday, Oct. 26**. Fans can also expect a comedy-driven reboot of a classic game show with *Snoop Dogg Presents The Joker's Wild*, coming this fall. And finally, starting **Sunday, Nov. 19**, TBS will once again lead in to Thanksgiving Week with the season 2 premiere of the critically acclaimed series *Search Party*.

TBS's fall slate will pile on the comedy with an assist from a stellar lineup of special guest stars. *Search Party* will welcome **Jay Duplass** (*Transparent*), **Phoebe Robinson** (*I Love Dick*), **Judy Reyes** (*Claws*), **Jessica Chaffin** (*Spy*), **Michelle Sohn** (*The Detour*), **Jeffery Self** (*You're Killing Me*), **Edward Hibbert** (*Frasier*), **Adrienne C. Moore** (*Orange is the New Black*), **J. Smith Cameron** (*Rectify*), **Tymberlee Hill** (*Gray's Anatomy*), **Catherine Lloyd Burns** (*Malcolm in the Middle*), **Jennifer Kim** (*Mozart in the Jungle*), **Shunori Ramanathan** (*The Big Sick*) and **George Kareman** (*Silicon Valley*). In addition, the new season will feature the return of recurring guest stars **Christine Ebersole** as Mariel Davenport, **Christine Taylor** as Gail, **Clare McNulty** as Chantal and executive producer **Michael Showalter** as Max.



Among the guest stars lined up for *The Last O.G.* are **Edi Patterson** (*Vice Principals*), **Chrissy Metz** (*This is Us*), **Malik Yoba** (*Designated Survivor*), **Joel Marsh Garland** (*Orange is the New Black*), **Heather Simms** (*As the World Turns*), **Wendy Makkena** (*NCIS*) and **Ray Anthony Thomas** (*The Hoop Life*), to name a few.

TBS's rap battle series *Drop the Mic* is putting together a packed lineup of celebrity matchups for its first season, including: **Mayim Bialik** vs. **Kunal Nayyar**, **Chris Jericho** vs. **Laila Ali**, **Michael Bennett** vs. **Vanessa Hudgens**, **James Corden** vs. **Nicole Richie**, **David Arquette** vs. **Brian Tyree Henry**, **Jesse Tyler Ferguson** vs. **Chrissy Metz**, **Nicole Scherzinger** vs. **Lil' Rel Howery**, **Anthony Anderson** vs. **Usher**, **James Van Der Beek** vs. **Randall Park**, **Gina Rodriguez** vs. **Rob Gronkowski**, **Tony Hale** vs. **Timothy Simons**, **Rascal Flatts** vs. **Boyz II Men**, and more.

"Last year, we broke away from the confines of traditional comedy series and pushed ourselves in new direction with six fresh and distinctive series that were unlike anything else on television," said **Brett Weitz**, executive vice president of original programming for TBS. "After seeing year-over-year growth with our first five returning series of 2017, we're hopeful to score another success with *The Last O.G.*, challenge ourselves with a pair of exciting competition series and catch up with our favorite New York millennials from *Search Party* before heading into a packed 2018."

TBS is riding high in its second year since beginning an extensive brand rebuild that resulted in an unprecedented string of six consecutive hits in 2016. The first four of those series to return in 2017 - **Full Frontal with Samantha Bee**, **The Detour**, **Angie Tribeca** and **Wrecked** - have each scored audience growth compared to their previous seasons, while the fifth, **People of Earth**, is well positioned to score growth based on early data for this past Monday's season premiere. The returning shows also hold strong competitive rankings, led by *Full Frontal with Samantha Bee* topping the charts as the **#1 ad-supported late-night show with adults 18-34 and adults 18-49**. Meanwhile, *The Detour* and *Wrecked* are holding strong as **cable's #2 and #3 scripted comedies for the year-to-date with adults 18-49**, followed by **Angie Tribeca** in the Top 10.

TBS is scheduled to launch a total of 15 original series from the second half of 2017 through 2018, including the second season of its alien-"experiencer" comedy **People of Earth**, which airs **Mondays at 10:30 p.m. (ET/PT)**. The network's first new original entry for 2017 - the comedy anthology **The Guest Book** - is set to premiere **Thursday, Aug. 3**, with back-to-back episodes starting at **10 p.m. (ET/PT)**. Both series will continue through September.

The Last O.G.

Comedy superstar and multiple Emmy® nominee **Tracy Morgan** is coming to TBS this fall in ***The Last O.G.***, a new comedy series that he co-created alongside creators and executive producers **Jordan Peele** and John Carciari. The series is set to premiere **Tuesday, Oct. 24, with back-to-back episodes at 10 and 10:30 p.m. (ET/PT)**. Subsequent episodes will air **Tuesdays at 10:30 p.m. (ET/PT)**

The Last O.G. centers on Tray (Morgan), an ex-con who is shocked to see just how much the world has changed when he is released from prison for good behavior after a 15-year stint. Returning to his newly gentrified Brooklyn neighborhood, he discovers that his former girlfriend, Shay (**Tiffany Haddish**), has married an affable, successful white man (**Ryan Gaul**) who is helping raise the twins (**Taylor Mosby & Dante Hoagland**) Tray never knew existed. Wanting nothing more than to connect with his kids, but having neither the money to support them nor himself, Tray falls back on the skills he learned in prison to make ends meet while treading unfamiliar territory.

The Last O.G. also stars **Cedric the Entertainer** as the head of the halfway house where Tray is staying, and **Allen Maldonado** as Tray's cousin Bobby, who helps him adjust to life on the outside. Executive-producing with Morgan, Peele and Carciari are **Eric Tannenbaum, Kim Tannenbaum** and **Joel Zadak** of **Principato Young**.

Drop the Mic

Celebrities are getting ready to put their battle rapping skills to the test in TBS's new series *Drop the Mic*. The comedic music competition, hosted by **Method Man** and **Hailey Baldwin**, is based on the enormously popular segment from the Emmy®-winning series *The Late Late Show*. **James Corden, Ben Winston** and **Jensen Karp** serve as executive producers, with **Joanna Gallagher** as co-executive producer.

Drop the Mic will premiere on **Thursday, Oct. 26, at 10 p.m. (ET/PT)**.

Each week on *Drop the Mic*, four stars from the worlds of entertainment, music, sports and pop culture will face off against each other in a rap battle royale packed with "I can't believe they just said that" moments. At the end of each head-to-head battle, the studio audience will vote to pick the winner.

Snoop Dogg Presents The Joker's Wild

TBS is teaming up with entertainment icon and actor **Snoop Dogg** to refresh and update a classic game show with ***Snoop Dogg Presents The Joker's Wild***. Snoop Dogg, who counted *The Joker's Wild* as his favorite game show growing up, will host TBS's new version, which is set in his very own casino, complete with a gigantic slot machine, as well as giant dice and playing cards. Streetwise questions and problem solving, not just book smarts, will rule the floor, with all the action controlled by the one and only Snoop D-O Double G.

Slated to premiere this fall, *Snoop Dogg Presents The Joker's Wild* is produced by **Sony Pictures Television**, in association with Turner's **Studio T**. Snoop Dogg serves as executive producer, along with two-time Emmy® winner, Super Bowl Champion and *Good Morning, America* co-host **Michael Strahan**. Also executive-producing are **Vincent Rubino** and **Constance Schwartz-Morini** for **SMAC**,

and **Ted Chung** for **Snoopadelic Films**.

Search Party

Last year, TBS's **Search Party** broke the sitcom mold with its serio-comic story of a group of self-absorbed 20-somethings who become entangled in a mystery as they tried to track down a former college classmate who went missing. **Alia Shawkat, John Early, Meredith Hagner, John Reynolds** and **Brandon Micheal Hall** star in the series, which was hailed as one of the best new shows of 2016, with a 100% Certified Fresh rating on Rotten Tomatoes.

Season 2 of *Search Party* will air **Sundays, Nov. 19 - Dec. 17**, with two episodes each week at **10 p.m.** and **10:30 p.m. (ET/PT)**.

Search Party is executive-produced by **Michael Showalter, Sarah-Violet Bliss, Charles Rogers, Tony Hernandez** and **Lilly Burns**. The series is produced by Turner's **Studio T**, in association with **Jax Media**.

About TBS

TBS, a division of **Turner**, is television's #1 comedy network and home to six of the most popular and critically acclaimed new comedy series on cable - [Angie Tribeca](#), [The Detour](#), [Full Frontal with Samantha Bee](#), [People of Earth](#), [Search Party](#) and [Wrecked](#) - as well as the animated hit [American Dad!](#) Upcoming comedies include *The Guest Book*, *The Last O.G.*, *Close Enough*, *The Cops*, *Tarantula* and *Final Space*. TBS also presents late-night comedy in the form of [CONAN](#), starring Conan O'Brien, and [Full Frontal with Samantha Bee](#), and will soon launch a late-night block from Super Deluxe. TBS's slate of unscripted series includes the upcoming competition series *Drop the Mic* and *Snoop Dogg presents The Joker's Wild*. In addition, the TBS lineup includes popular comedy hits like [Family Guy](#), [The Cleveland Show](#), [Bob's Burgers](#), [The Big Bang Theory](#), [New Girl](#) and [2 Broke Girls](#); blockbuster movies; and live coverage of Major League Baseball's regular and post-season play, the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship and ELEAGUE, Turner's eSports gaming league.

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